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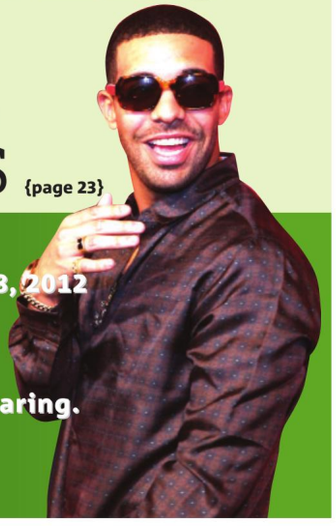

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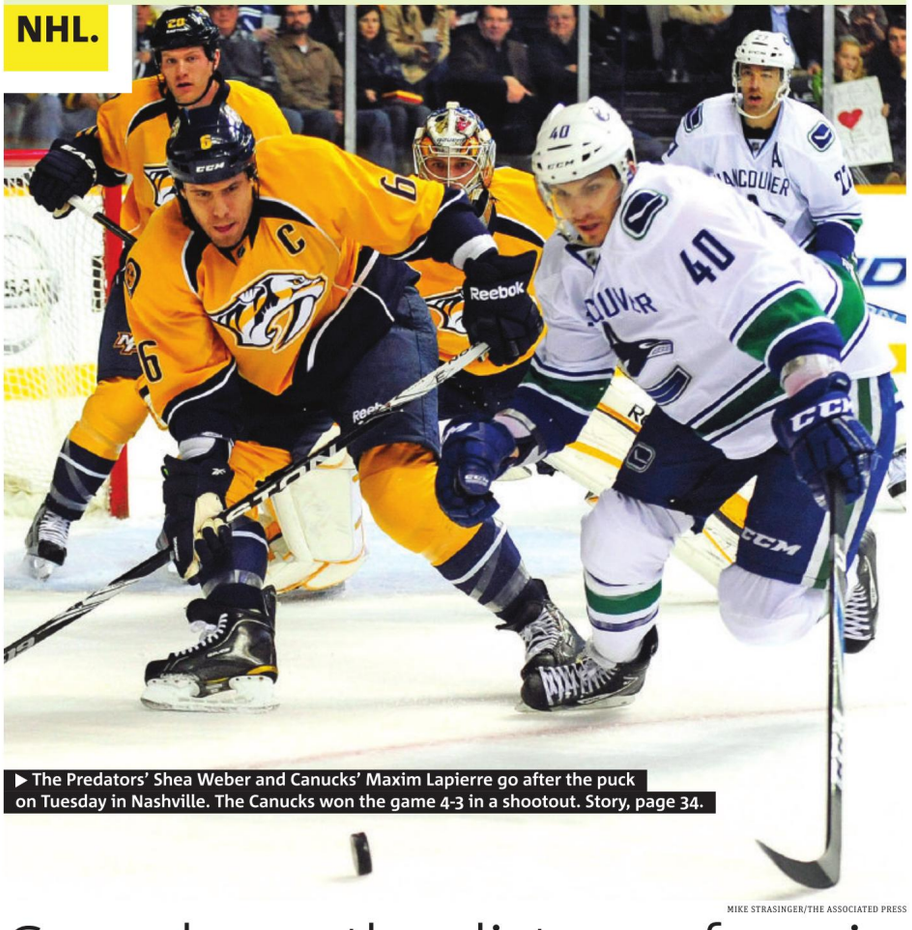

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## Canucks go the distance for win

# War for the roses

### ▶ Bachelor Canada auditions to begin in Vancouver ▶ Producers are looking for women interested in love, not fame

There will be no rose ceremony or any dust-ups just yet.

Before 25 women compete for one man's heart on The Bachelor Canada, they must first compete for the producers' attention.

That perilous journey toward reality-TV matchmaking will start in Vancouver on Feb. 19 as Citytv launches a six-city casting tour for the new spinoff of the American hit.

Since launching an online application process for contestants, supervising producer Sean De Vries says he's been floored by the response.

More than 100 eligible women could potentially be trying out for a spot on the show in Vancouver alone, he says.

"We honestly don't know what to expect," De Vries said. "In terms of what's on the pop-culture radar, this is the most ambitious show I've done. The interest has been more than we could have expected."

So what will sort the contenders from the pretenders?

Not a desire to be on television, not someone who is only looking to advance her modelling career and not a fake personality.

Despite the drama for which the series is renowned, De Vries says they're still looking for women — and one male bachelor — genuinely looking for romance.

"We want a person with a good story. But, more than that, the people that will get this opportunity are the ones with real sincerity to meet the love of your life," he said. "A lot of people have applied just because they're fans of the show, but we're looking to find out what drives you to seek this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

After Vancouver, the audition tour will visit Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

Principle photography starts this spring, and the show will debut on Citytv this fall. MATT KIELTYKA

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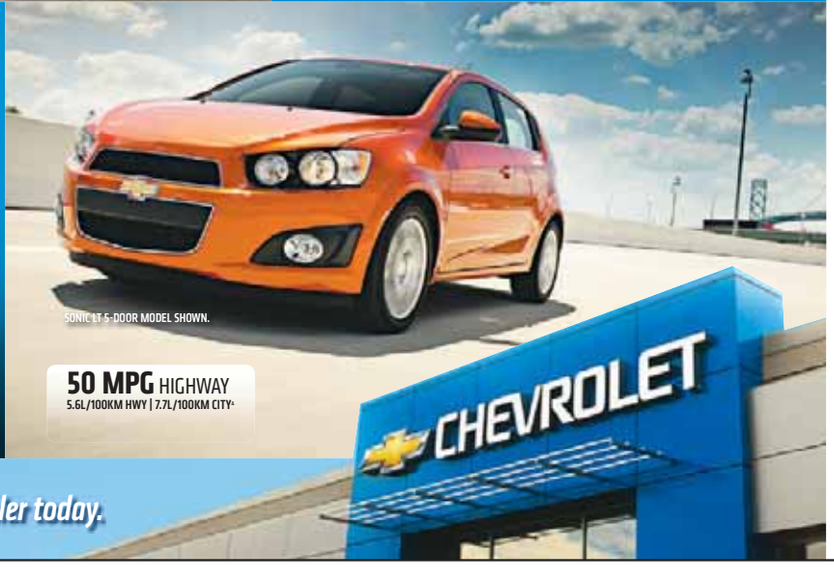


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# Police cracking down on jaywalkers, unsafe drivers

- 61 pedestrians were killed in collisions between 2006 and 2011
- Jaywalkers risk a $100 fine

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Motorists, cyclists and pedestrians beware: Police are targeting jaywalkers and unsafe drivers with hefty fines.

The City of Vancouver launched its People are Fragile campaign on Tuesday. It is aimed at stopping and reducing pedestrian deaths and injuries as a result of preventable road collisions.

The multi-year program is intended in part to raise awareness of three behaviours that put people at risk: Pedestrians jaywalking, cyclists running stop signs and motorists failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

"A police officer will never forget having to tell someone that their loved one is dead because of a car accident," said Staff Sgt. Earl Andersen of the Vancouver Police Department's traffic section.

Const. Lindsey Houghton, spokesperson for the department, said police will be paying special attention to dangerous pedestrians and drivers.

The fine for pedestrians disobeying traffic or pedestrian signals, and for drivers failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, is $167. The fine for jaywalking is $100.

In recent years, the city has vigorously expanded its bike-lane program, including a pair of controversial separated bike lanes through the downtown core.

That program aims to boost the number of new cyclists on the road, but it could also lead to a rise in fatalities simply because it will mean more people are on the road.

Coun. Heather Deal reminded cyclists to share the road and be aware of their surroundings.

### Don't walk this way

**Vancouver's most dangerous intersections for pedestrians:**

- Main and Hastings streets.
- Commercial Drive and Broadway Avenue.
- Joyce Avenue and Kingsway Street.
- Main Street and Terminal Avenue.
- Pacific Boulevard and Burrard Street.

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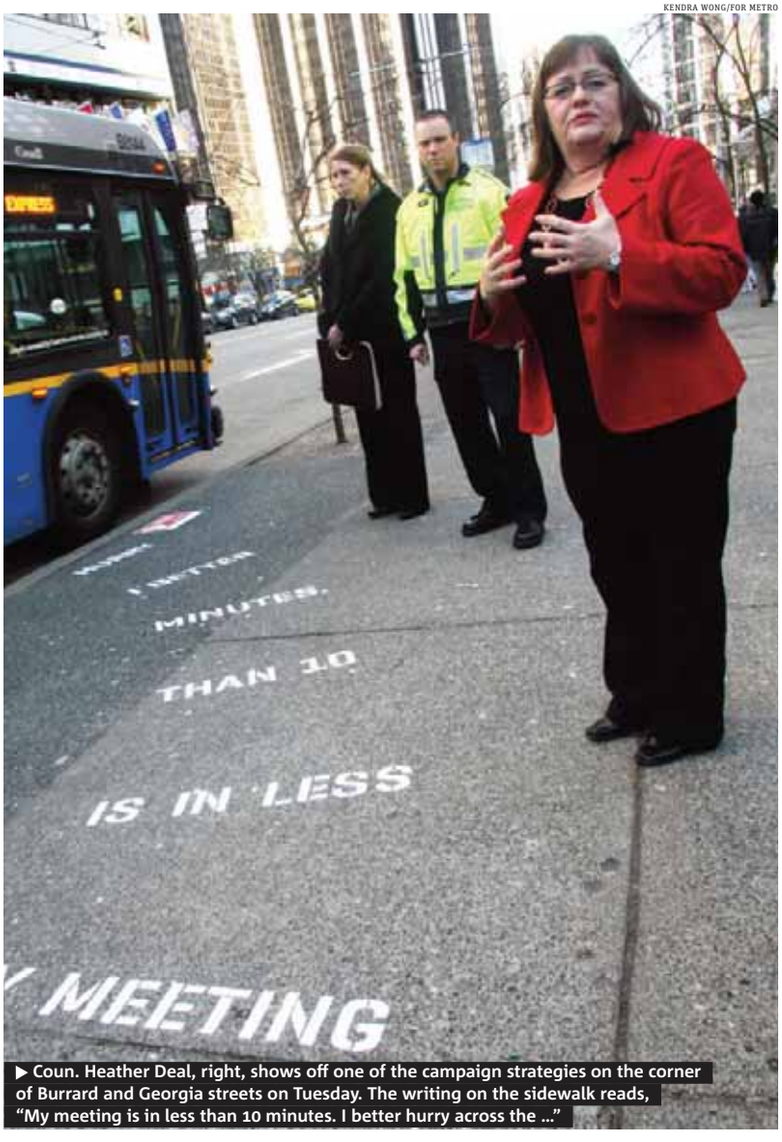


▶ Coun. Heather Deal, right, shows off one of the campaign strategies on the corner of Burrard and Georgia streets on Tuesday. The writing on the sidewalk reads, "My meeting is in less than 10 minutes. I better hurry across the ..."

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# Skateboard park grinds its way forward at UBC

- Proposed multi-use facility to enhance scenery and campus life
- Input from future users and the public will help shape the design

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▶ A boy skateboards under the Vancouver viaduct in June 2009.

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A possible skateboard park at the University of British Columbia is grinding along. If the project is approved, it could be the first skate park on campus at a major Canadian university.

A public-consultation meeting was held last Tuesday to understand the specific needs of residents and youth on campus. The session also allowed the design team to identify elements that could be accommodated at the proposed park.

"We are still in the planning process," said Kyle Dion, president of New Line Skateparks. "(We're) trying to build a multi-use park that would be put on campus, and finding out what people would like to see in a park."

The location and budget of the proposed project have yet to be determined.

New Line Skateparks and Van de Zalm and Associates have been hired by UBC and the University Neighbourhood Association for design consultation. Both designers have collaborated before in skate-park projects.

While the skate park aims to attract skateboarders, it is also meant for other activities such as mountain biking, BMX and roller-skating.

Dion says that the skate park will most likely be a hybrid, consisting of the usual — concrete, ramps and railings — along with other modern manmade features.

The next consultation meeting, to unveil preliminary design concepts and the park's possible location, is scheduled for March 5. A final decision on the construction of the park is expected in April.

# High court to weigh in on HIV disclosure

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If HIV-AIDS is no longer a death sentence, should not disclosing an infection to a partner still carry a jail sentence?

Supreme Court of Canada judges will contemplate that very question Wednesday as two cases, from Manitoba and Quebec, bring the disclosure debate to the nation's highest court.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association is arguing that using the Criminal Code to persecute those that fail to disclose their disease is too harsh in all but the most extreme cases.

Lawyer Michael Feder said advances in treatment over the past two decades — allowing patients to live normal lives with virtually undetectable HIV viral loads — calls for a fresh look at the issue.

"The body of law is misguided. Everyone is responsible for their own sexual health — it shouldn't be the subject of criminal law," Feder said. "It's hard to imagine a disease that has seen more significant advancements and treatments in the last 20 years. It's not a death sentence, but the stigma still persists.

"People tend to grossly overestimate the risk of transmission — which is far less than one per cent for a person going through treatment."

Many transmissions occur when the carrier doesn't even know they're infected.

Only cases where an offender is purposely trying to infect sexual partners should be prosecuted through the criminal justice system, Feder believes.

The medical community backs him up.

In an editorial published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal Dec. 19, 2011, the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS calls for Canada to stop being "a world leader" in HIV non-disclosure prosecutions.

"Criminalization of HIV exposure stigmatizes and discourages access to HIV education, testing and treatment," the organization argues. "(Highly active antiretroviral therapy) has changed HIV/AIDS into a chronic manageable condition and has emerged as the most powerful strategy to prevent new infections through vertical, blood-borne or sexual routes."

Feder expects Supreme Court judges to, at the very least, redefine non-disclosure laws that have not been updated since 1998.

# Man linked to drug trade hurt in shooting

One man is in hospital and another is under arrest after the latest shooting in Metro Vancouver.

RCMP Cpl. Drew Grainger says the 28-year-old victim was shot several times in the upper body as he stepped out of a rental car in a residential area of Surrey about 6 a.m. Tuesday.

The attacker fled in the rental vehicle, and a car found on fire later in the neighbouring community of Delta is believed to be the same vehicle.

Two men were spotted running from the burning car. Police managed to catch one of them, but the other got away.

The RCMP say they believe the attack was a targeted shooting because the victim is well- known to police through his involvement in the drug trade.

His name has not been released.

Two men died and another was critically wounded in separate gang-related shootings in Metro Vancouver last month.

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# Province appoints new judges

The B.C. government has appointed nine new judges, but the NDP says it's still not enough to deal with the backlog of cases in provincial courts.

Four will serve in the Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley areas, two will be added in Prince George and one each in Nanaimo, Smithers and Penticton.

NDP critic Leonard Krog says the appointments only go halfway to bringing the number of judges back to 2005 levels.

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# Teenager facing luring raps

An alleged Facebook predator faces dozens of charges in connection to luring, extortion and uttering threats against children aged 10 to 14.

RCMP say the 17-year-old male from Trail is accused of 47 counts, including communicating via computer to lure a child under 18, obtaining sexual services of a person under 18 and sexual touching.

Police have tracked down at least 20 children they say are victims.

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# Officer kept Pickton files in safe, court hears

**Inquiry has previously heard files kept by Lori Shenher, the VPD's lead investigator into the missing-women case, were not all returned to her**

The RCMP's former lead officer who was investigating serial killer Robert Pickton took precautions to safeguard his files over concerns they might vanish.

Mike Connor told the missing-women's inquiry that he had fingered Pickton as "the bad guy" for several years prior to Pickton's February 2002 arrest and anticipated he would need the paperwork if there was a trial.

"Did you also suspect that if you parted with your only version of the file, there'd be a risk that parts might go missing, disappear, perhaps you might even be scapegoated?" lawyer Cameron Ward asked Connor during cross-examination on Tuesday.

Connor told Ward — who represents families of Pickton's victims — he wasn't thinking he would be blamed, but when Pickton was arrested he decided to store the documents in his office safe before handing it over to the joint RCMP-Vancouver police operation investigating the disappearance of sex-trade workers.

"I was very concerned about them taking the file wholesale to the office to copy it," he said.

"But I knew the people that were dealing with the file, and I had a lot of respect for them, and I was told emphatically I would get the entire file back. And I did."

Connor, who is now retired but continues to do some contract work for the RCMP, was investigating Pickton's activities in the late 1990s.

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▶ Retired RCMP officer Mike Connor

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FIRST WORLD WAR SURVIVOR

## Last war vet dies at 110

Florence Green never saw the front line. Her war was spent serving food, not dodging bullets.

But Green, who has died at age 110, was the last known surviving veteran of the First World War.

She was serving with the Women's Royal Air Force as a waitress at an air base in eastern England when the guns fell silent in 1918.

Green died at a care home in eastern England, two weeks before her 111th birthday.

In 2008, Green remembered her wartime service with affection.

"I met dozens of pilots and would go on dates," she said.

She added: "I would work every hour God sent. But I had dozens of friends on the base and we had a great deal of fun in our spare time."

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▶ Florence Green

# 11-death horror sparks pleas to 'ban the vans'

**▶ 15-seat vehicles 'death traps,' say two mourning moms ▶ Minister says special driver training mandatory ▶ Few safeguards for migrant workers**

A horrendous crash that killed 10 migrant farm workers and a truck driver in rural Ontario has rekindled calls for a ban on 15-passenger vans, the kind that ferried Monday's tragic crew.

There were also calls to bulk up safeguards for agriculture labourers.

Workers'-rights advocates said the crash in Hampstead, northeast of Stratford, has brought to light the hazards faced by tens of thousands of migrant workers toiling on Ontario's farms.

Long shifts under gruelling conditions leave workers exhausted and vulnerable to accidents, said Stan Raper of the Agriculture Workers Alliance.

"There has to be a more humane way to provide work to people," Raper said.

Bob Chiarelli, Ontario's Minister of Transportation, said driving a 15-passenger van requires special training and would not be permitted using a standard international licence.

The van carrying workers from Peru collided with a flatbed truck.

The impact sent the van hurtling across a lawn before smashing into the side of a house with the passenger side ripped nearly clean off.

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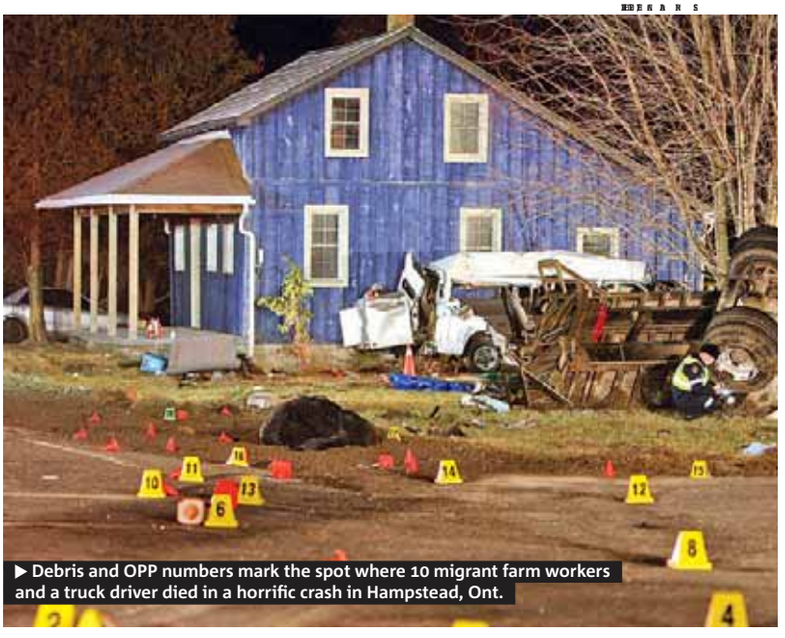

▶ Debris and OPP numbers mark the spot where 10 migrant farm workers and a truck driver died in a horrific crash in Hampstead, Ont.

**Deadly toll**

- The 11-death crash was the deadliest multi-vehicle crash in Ontario since 1999, when fog near Windsor caused an 87-car pileup that killed eight.
- Canada's worst road accident was in Quebec in 1997. A chartered bus taking a group of seniors on a tour plunged over an embankment near St-Joseph-de-la-Rive, killing 43 of the 48 people on board.

## Vans meant for cargo, say moms

Two women whose sons were killed in a 15-passenger van crash four years ago in New Brunswick say the horrific collision in Ontario reinforces their belief that the large vehicles are "death traps."

Isabelle Hains and Ana Acevedo said the vans offer no protection to passengers because they're designed to carry cargo, not people.

"How many more terrible 15-passenger-van collisions and deaths do we have to witness before our governments ... wake up," their statement says.

Hains's 17-year-old son Daniel was among seven high school basketball players killed in 2008. Acevedo's 17-year-old son Javier also died.

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## Tories do U-turn: Torture info now OK

The federal government has carried out a dramatic U-turn on torture.

It has directed Canada's spy agency to use information that may have been extracted through torture in cases where public safety is at stake.

The order represents a reversal of policy for the Tories, who once insisted the Canadian Security Intelligence Service would discard information if there was any inkling it might be tainted.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews has quietly told CSIS the government now expects the spy service to "make the protection of life and property its overriding priority."

A copy of the two-page December 2010 directive was obtained under the Access to Information Act.

**"Our government will always take action that protects the lives of Canadians."**
MIKE PATTON,
A TOEWS SPOKESPERSON

It drew swift condemnation from Amnesty International Canada, which said information obtained under torture "has no place in the justice system, full stop."

The NDP and Liberals also pounced on the revelations Tuesday in the House of Commons, pressing the government to account for its new stance.

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## Can you lose your heart in Kingston?

Romance appears to reign supreme in Kingston.

The Ontario city takes the crown on the third annual list of the 20 most romantic cities in Canada.

For a second consecutive year, Guelph, Ont., landed in the runner-up spot in the rankings by Amazon.ca, while Kelowna, B.C., came in third place.

They're followed by Oakville, Ont., Victoria, Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary, Kamloops, B.C., and St. John's.

The online retailer creates its list by comparing sales data of romance novels, sex and relationship books, romantic comedy DVDs, and CDs by Canadian crooner Michael Bublé.

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STUDENT SPRAYED

## Teacher sniffs at boy's meal

A Newfoundland school board has apologized and put one if its teachers on paid leave for spraying air freshener on a 10-year-old boy who ate fried fish for lunch.

The Nova Central School District has launched an investigation into last Thursday's incident.

"The district takes any such matters very seriously," the school board said Tuesday.

"We regret that this situation has occurred."

Patti Rideout, the boy's mother, says her son could have gotten the spray in his eyes or had an allergic reaction.

She says her son was teased by classmates for smelling fishy before the teacher sprayed him.

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## Tories snuff out long-gun debate

The Conservative government is curtailing the House of Commons debate on ending the long-gun registry.

They've used their majority to push through a time-allocation motion to limit further debate to one day at report stage and two days at third reading.

The motion passed 150-132.

The bill eliminates the requirement for gun owners to register their long guns and other weapons that are not restricted or prohibited, and provides for the destruction of records currently held in the Canadian Firearms Registry.

The legislation was introduced in October.

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# U.S. not considering arming Syrian opposition

**More than 5,400 people have been killed in Syria since the uprising against President Bashar Assad's regime began in March: UN**

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▶ Members of the Free Syrian Army train outside Idlib, Syria, Tuesday.

The White House said on Tuesday that the U.S. is not considering arming opposition groups in Syria, deflecting calls from some lawmakers to explore such a possibility as one way to quell the violence in Syria.

However, U.S. officials said no option would be completely ruled out as the Obama administration grapples for a way to end the bloodshed and facilitate a political transition.

"We are not considering that step right now," White House spokesman Jay Carney said of the prospect of arming the rebels.

Carney said current deliberations inside the administration are focused on how the U.S. could provide humanitarian aid to the Syrian people, though he wouldn't say what form such assistance might take.

At the State Department, spokesman Victoria Nuland said that, while the U.S. never takes any option off the table, "we don't think more arms into Syria is the answer."

Earlier Tuesday, some congressional lawmakers, including Republican Sen. John McCain, called for the U.S. to explore the prospect of arming opposition forces in Syria.

"We should start considering options, arming the opposition," McCain said. "The bloodletting has got to stop."

**"We should start considering options, arming the opposition. The bloodletting has got to stop."**
**U.S. SEN. JOHN MCCAIN**

McCain was a staunch advocate last year for the U.S. to arm rebels in Libya in their fight against Moammar Gadhafi and forces loyal to his regime. The U.S. and NATO did ultimately provide military help under the cover of a UN mandate.

The U.S. and other western powers have met repeatedly with members of Syria's emerging political opposition, but they are leery of engaging closely with would-be rebel forces without the legal protection of a similar UN resolution.

But in the wake of last weekend's defeat of a Security Council resolution calling for Syrian President Bashar Assad to step down, western nations have little appetite for another run at the UN. And there is even less interest in trying to find ways around the UN to help anti-Assad forces militarily.

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▶ Syrian President Bashar Assad

## Russia pushes for reforms in Syria

Days after blocking a U.S.-backed peace plan at the UN, senior Russian officials pushed for reforms Tuesday during an emergency meeting with Syrian President Bashar Assad, promoting a settlement to end the uprising without removing him from power.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov flew into Damascus on Tuesday, accompanied by his foreign security chief, to try to boost a plan that would keep Assad in power, even though many prominent members of the opposition reject that entirely.

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# $4M needed to clean Nigerian mines: Group

An international watchdog said Tuesday it will cost about $4 million US to clean up toxic lead and secure mines in northern Nigeria, where activists say "the worst outbreak of lead poisoning in modern history" has taken place.

At least 400 children have died since March 2010, and thousands more continue to be exposed to dangerously high levels of lead, said Human Rights Watch researcher Jane Cohen.

The children are being exposed while processing ore in these informal mines not owned by any company, or when their miner relatives return home covered with lead dust.

**"People are more aware (of the causes of the child deaths), but there is a disconnect and a sense that there are no alternatives."**
**JANE COHEN, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH RESEARCHER**

The children's food and surroundings also have been contaminated when people crush and grind rocks at home to extract the ore.

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## Alleged spies arrested in Germany

German police on Tuesday arrested two men on allegations they were spying on Syrian opposition groups in Germany, prosecutors said.

Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said he summoned the Syrian ambassador to tell him that Germany cannot tolerate such activities "against Syrian opposition figures."

Some 70 police officers searched the suspects' apartments and those of six alleged accomplices who are also under investigation, the Federal Prosecutors' Office said.

They say a 34-year-old Syrian, identified only as Akram O., and a 47-year-old German-Lebanese double national, Mahmoud El A., are suspected of "having spied over several years on Syrian opposition figures in Germany," according to prosecutors.

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## Anti-gay bill returns in Uganda

The Ugandan parliamentarian who first introduced an anti-gay bill that carried the death penalty for some homosexual acts reintroduced the bill on Tuesday, raising concerns among rights activists who have been fighting the legislation.

Though widely supported in Uganda, the bill's progress apparently has been slowed by an international outcry against the bill, including condemnation from U.S. President Barack Obama.

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## Nazi's surgical kit up for auction

A surgical kit said to belong to a Nazi war criminal who oversaw a labour camp is being put up for auction in Britain.

Villa Hall Auctions, a small auctioneer in Cornwall, southwest England, said Tuesday the wooden box of equipment was engraved with the name of Anton Burger, an SS commander of the Terezin ghetto — a labour camp north of Prague in then-Czechoslovakia.

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# A win and a delay for gay couples

## Court says ban unconstitutional
## But more U.S. challenges ahead

A U.S. federal appeals court Tuesday declared California's same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional.

The move puts the bitterly contested law on track to reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 that a lower court judge correctly interpreted the U.S. Constitution and Supreme Court precedents when he declared in 2010 that Proposition 8 — a response to an earlier state court decision that legalized gay marriage — was a violation of the civil rights of gays and lesbians.

But the appeals court said gay marriages cannot resume in the state.

They must wait until the deadline passes for Proposition 8 sponsors to appeal to a larger panel of the 9th Circuit.

"Proposition 8 serves no purpose … other than to lessen the status and human dignity of gays and lesbians in California," said Judge Stephen Reinhardt.

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### They support it …

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▶ Supporters of gay marriage react after the court decision in San Francisco.

### … they're against it

▶ People rally in New Hampshire in support of replacing the same-sex marriage law.

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## Sex probe ousts staff at school

The entire staff at a Los Angeles elementary school is being removed while authorities investigate allegations of sexual abuse by two of the school's teachers.

One of the teachers is accused of blindfolding children, taping their mouths and photographing them in a classroom.

Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent John Deasy said more than 120 staff members at Miramonte Elementary School — everyone from the principal and teachers to the cafeteria workers — were being replaced.

A full investigation of the allegations will be disruptive and staffers will require support to get through the scandal, Deasy told parents who packed a high school gymnasium.

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## Just pop a coin for 'morning-after' pill

Students at a U.S. university can obtain the "morning-after" emergency contraceptive pill from a vending machine.

The machine at the Shippensburg University health centre in Pennsylvania provides the Plan B emergency contraceptive along with condoms and pregnancy tests.

"I think it's great that the school is giving us this option," junior Chelsea Wehking said Tuesday.

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# Drilling at ancient lake catches a chill

**Probe may have reached sub-glacial lake sealed off from atmosphere for millions of years ◐ Scientists speculate Lake Vostok holds secrets about prehistoric micro-organisms ◐ Frigid Antarctic location restricts access**

The coldest place on Earth may have stopped scientists tantalizingly short of tapping into a 15-million-year-old mystery of a buried Antarctic lake.

Racing against time and plunging temperatures, Russian scientists have been drilling nearly four kilometres beneath the bleak central Antarctic surface to reach Lake Vostok, about the size of Lake Ontario.

The Russian news agency RIA Novosti quoted sources on Monday as saying they have finally touched the liquid lake surface, 20 years after the controversial project started in earnest.

The head of the Russian mission pulled back on Tuesday, however, telling Nature magazine the data are still being analyzed to confirm the hit.

Timing is vital: The last flight out of the area left Monday as Antarctica's short summer vanished and temperatures started falling. By February, the Russian Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute reported, temperatures on the ice above Lake Vostok hover around -42 C. In March, they fall to -61 C.

The coldest temperature on Earth, -89 C, was recorded there in 1983.

**"If they were successful, their efforts will transform the way we do science in Antarctica and provide us with an entirely new view of what exists under the vast Antarctic ice sheet."**
**ANTARCTIC SPECIALIST JOHN PRISCU OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY**

"Only when I have this (data) can I say we penetrated (the lake)," Valery Lukin, director of the Russian Antarctic program, told Nature. "We want to be sure we have really reached the surface of Lake Vostok."

Sensors probing nearly 3,700 metres below the surface report back information on the exact depth of ice drilled and the level of fluids in the borehole.

Water extracted from the lake would freeze quickly as it ascended the borehole and would be taken for analysis.

"As soon as we get it officially confirmed, this information will be disseminated among the international community," Lukin said.

There was no confirmation Tuesday afternoon from the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute, although Lukin hoped for definitive information by Wednesday. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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▶ Prince Albert II of Monaco, third from left, poses with scientists at the Vostok research station near the South Pole in this file photo from 2009.

## Russians strike while it's hot — at least by Antarctic standards

This year's drilling began Jan. 2 (when temperatures are their warmest, about -36 C during the day) and progressed by about 1.75 metres a day, the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute has said.

When the team resumed drilling last year on Jan. 2, they had already reached 3,650 metres, Nature reported.

At that time Lukin said: "We can make it."

Russian scientists plan to send a swimming robot into the lake in the Antarctic summer of 2012-13. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# Burst dam devastates Bulgarian village

Swollen rivers in Bulgaria and Greece burst their banks Tuesday, leaving dozens of homes underwater, as Bulgarian officials declared a day of mourning for eight people confirmed killed after a dam collapse nearly washed away their village.

Bulgaria's civil defence agency warned that two other, bigger dams were also on the brink of spilling over and residents were urged to prepare for an evacuation. Authorities have started a controlled release of water from the dams to prevent overflow.

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▶ Rescuers carry a man in a dinghy to safety.

Europeans across the continent have been battling more than a week of extreme weather, with thousands still trapped by snow in remote mountain villages in the Balkans. Hundreds are dead after temperatures went as low as -36 C. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Santorum's double victory a hit to Romney, Gingrich

Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum scored two major symbolic victories on Tuesday, walloping Mitt Romney in Missouri and Minnesota in nominating triumphs that signal trouble ahead not just for the front-runner but also for Newt Gingrich.

Santorum, a staunch social conservative with a penchant for sweater vests, more than doubled Romney in the Missouri primary, with unofficial results suggesting he took 55 per cent of the vote compared to Romney's 25 per cent.

He also handily won the Minnesota caucuses. Unofficial results had Santorum taking 46 per cent of the vote. Libertarian congressman Ron Paul was in second place at 26 per cent, Romney took 16 per cent and Gingrich brought up the rear with just 11 per cent of the vote.

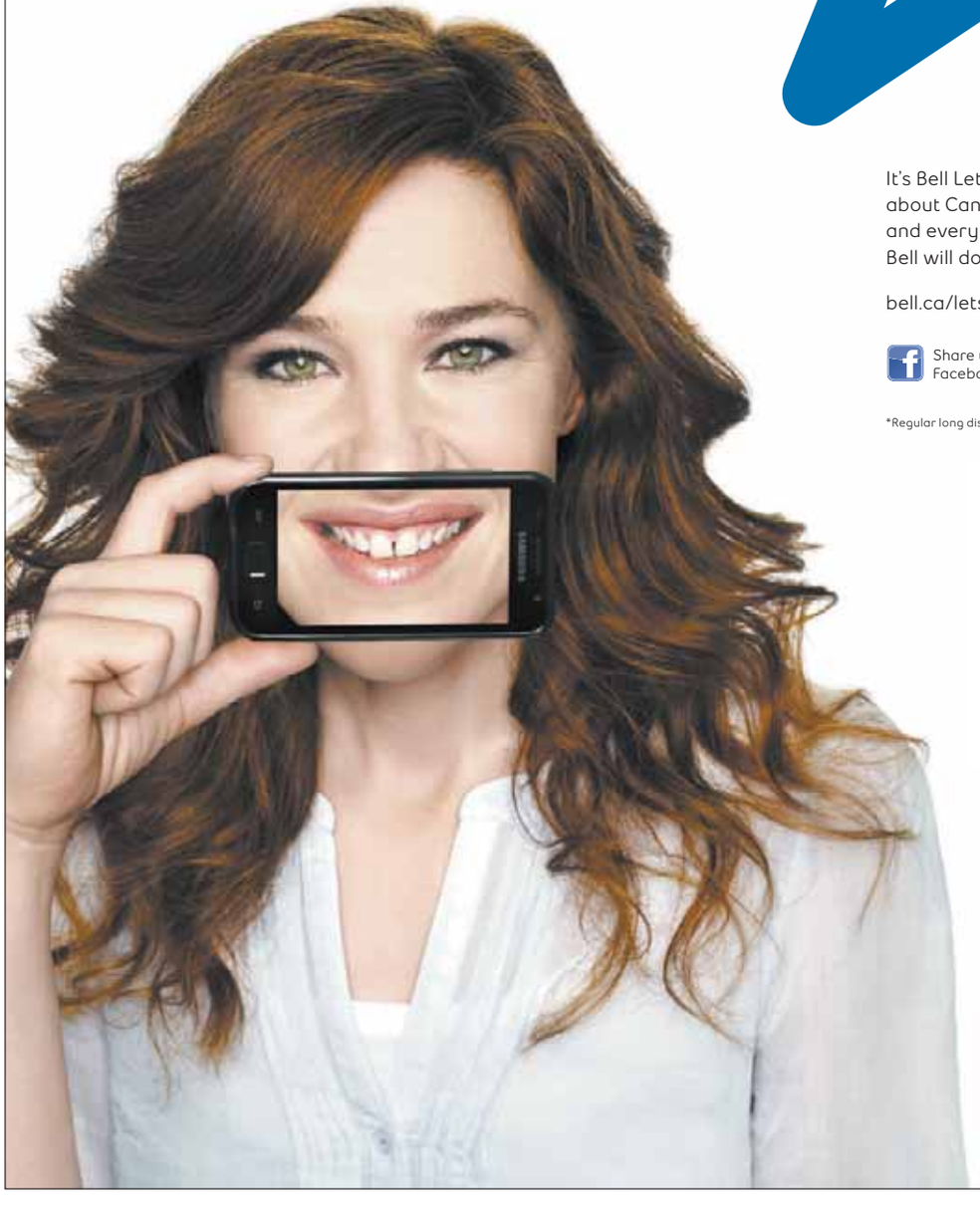
"Conservatism is alive and well in Missouri and Minnesota," Santorum said in a victory speech in St. Charles, Mo., as he marvelled at his Romney shellacking. "We doubled him up here and in Minnesota!"

He took sharpest aim at U.S. President Barack Obama, however, pushing red-hot conservative buttons by telling the crowd: "He thinks he knows better. He thinks he's smarter than you. He thinks he should be able to rule over all of you."

Santorum added he wasn't satisfied "to stand here to be the conservative alternative to Mitt Romney. I stand here to be the conservative alternative to Barack Obama."

Romney was gracious in defeat, congratulating Santorum for his wins before turning his attention to Obama. "Under his own definition, Obama has failed. We will succeed," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Today, let's talk.



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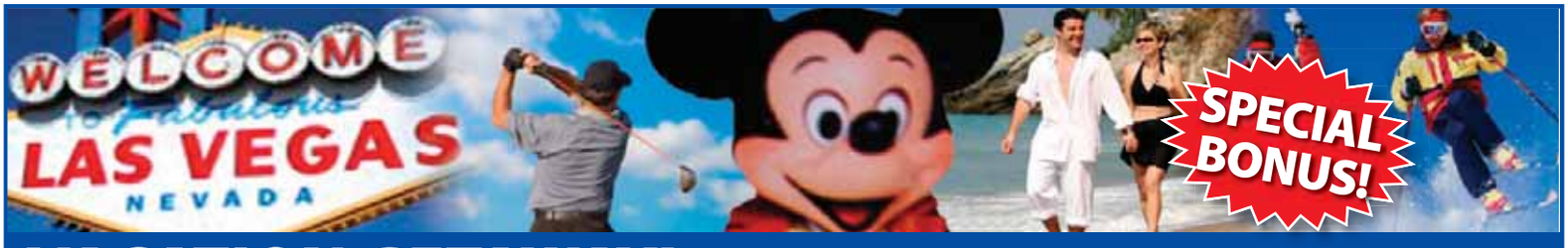


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# Lagerfeld puts his foot in his mouth

- Designer on hot seat for 'fat' comments about Adele
- As Metro's guest editor, he gave out papers in Paris

Karl Lagerfeld's comments during his guest editorship of Metro newspapers around the world have generated headlines from Paris to the White House, offending Adele, Michelle Obama and Russian men in between.

In the issue, distributed in 22 Metro countries, Lagerfeld discussed everything from Syria to Miss Piggy, but it was his comment about Adele that generated the most heat. She "is a little too fat, but she has a beautiful face and a divine voice," he said.

Critics slammed Lagerfeld's remarks and news outlets around the world, from the UK's Daily Mail to the Los Angeles Times, picked up the story, generating hundreds of comments from their readers. "How dare he," asked one on the Mail website. "Adele is beautiful. Has he looked in the mirror lately? He wouldn't look out of place at Madame Tussauds! Fool."

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▶ Adele

When asked for comment, an Adele spokesman said: "No comment."

The "fat" controversy may affect Lagerfeld's business: A Los Angeles fashion blog on full-figured women, Curves and Chaos, wrote online: "We're done with him and Chanel as long as he's involved with them."

Lagerfeld also got attention for his comments about Russian men ("If I was a woman in Russia I would be a lesbian, as the men are very ugly.") and Michelle Obama: "My favourite thing about Mrs Obama was when she was asked if her skirt was not too tight and she answered 'Why you don't like my big black ass?'" he told editors yesterday. "Mrs. Obama never made that statement," Kristina Schake, the first lady's director of communications, told the Huffington Post. METRO

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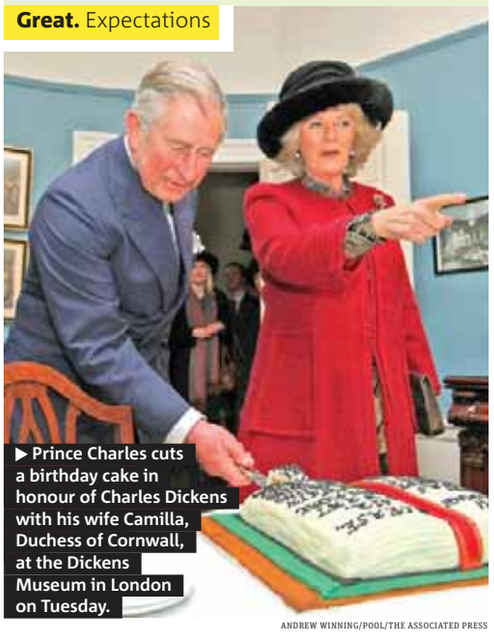

▶ Prince Charles cuts a birthday cake in honour of Charles Dickens with his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, at the Dickens Museum in London on Tuesday.

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## Remembering Dickens

**Prince Charles led ceremonies Tuesday to mark the 200th birthday of novelist Charles Dickens — a writer as popular today as he was during his lifetime.**

# Deleted photos still on Facebook

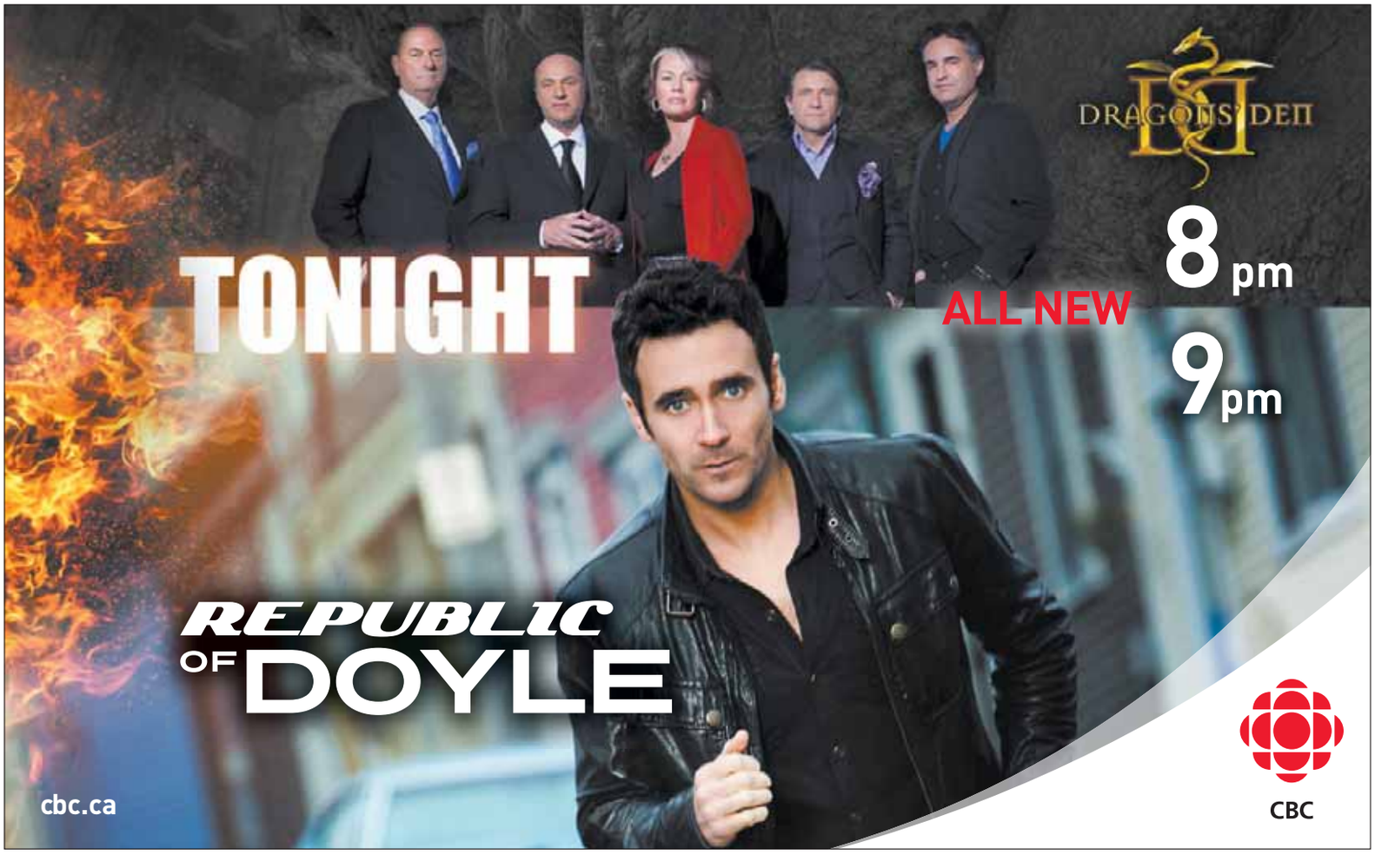
Those embarrassing photographs you thought you deleted from Facebook are still there, a technology site reports.

A photograph of a toddler posted and then deleted in 2008 is still there, Ars Technica senior editor Jacqui Cheng said.

Ars Technica exposed the lingering deleted Facebook pictures three years ago. Facebook is trying to fix the problem, spokesman Frederic Wolens told the Star Tuesday. "We expect this process to be completed within the next month or two." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**3%**

**Fewer than three per cent of deleted images are still on the system, according to Facebook spokesman Frederic Wolens.**



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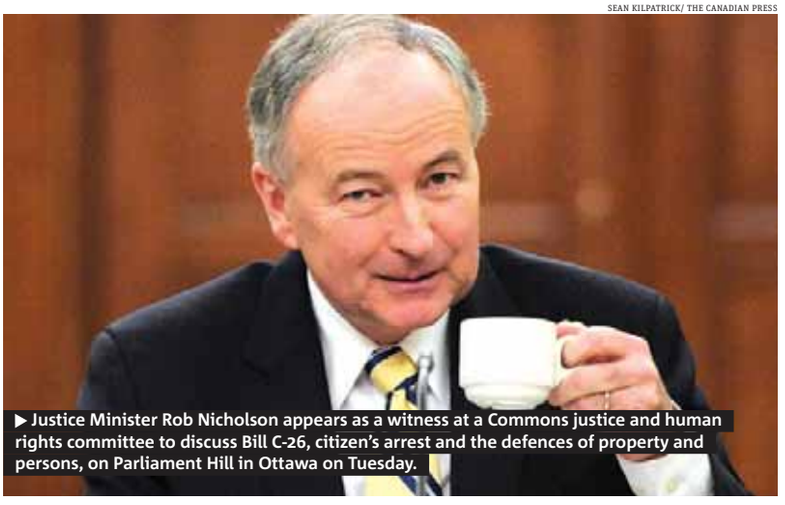

▶ Justice Minister Rob Nicholson appears as a witness at a Commons justice and human rights committee to discuss Bill C-26, citizen's arrest and the defences of property and persons, on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Tuesday.

# New law to simplify citizen's-arrest rules

## Justice minister corks high expectations for new law to ensure it doesn't spark a rash of renegade arrests

There's no appetite in Canada for vigilante justice, but the occasional warning shot over the head of a thief or trespasser may have its time and place, Justice Minister Rob Nicholson agreed Tuesday.

MPs on the House of Commons justice committee have begun studying a bill that will simplify Criminal Code rules on citizen's arrest, self defence and defence of property, using a broad definition of "reasonableness."

But the simplification of the rules for citizen's arrests and self defence, which strip arcane legal language from provisions that have stood for more than a century, had some MPs on the committee wondering just what constitutes "reasonable" time limits and reasonable force.

The new law will give people a "reasonable" time to apprehend and detain someone after a crime, a period that Nicholson said will depend on the circumstances.

In a brief interview after the committee hearing, Nicholson was asked if it might be reasonable to fire a shot over the head of a thief or trespasser.

"If you were under reasonable apprehension that somebody was trying to break into your house ... and you waved a gun at that individual, it seems to me that would be reasonable under the circumstances."

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### Timing is everything

- **The high-profile case** of a Toronto shop owner, charged after he detained a repeat shoplifter in 2009, helped galvanize public opinion to clarify the law. David Chen was eventually acquitted, but many felt he was badly wronged.
- **Chen was charged** because he did not apprehend the repeat shoplifter at the time of the theft in his Chinatown grocery store. Rather, Chen tied up the thief and threw him in a van when he reappeared about an hour later.

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# Two Mounties shot and wounded in Alberta

Two RCMP officers were undergoing surgery in Edmonton hospitals late Tuesday night after being shot and wounded at a rural residence in central Alberta.

Chief Supt. Rick Taylor told a news conference in Killam, a small town 160 kilometres southeast of Edmonton, that the medical condition of the officers wasn't known but they had been wounded in the torso.

They were conscious and able to talk.

"They were able to give some information en route to the hospital."

Exactly what happened was not yet clear, but Taylor said the officers had gone to a residence about 10 kilometres outside of Killam as part of an ongoing investigation that the small detachment had been looking into for the past week.

**Mayerthorpe**

- The shooting evoked memories of the fatal shootings of four RCMP officers near Mayerthorpe, Alta., in 2005. Gunman James Roszko cut down the officers while they were staking out his marijuana grow-op.
- Roszko then killed himself.

"A search warrant was granted for that residence and they attended there this afternoon," Taylor said.

Darcy Eskra, deputy mayor of Killam, said he was told one of the suspects in the shooting was dead, but Taylor would not confirm that.

"RCMP personnel have contained the residence, and efforts are currently underway to ascertain whether or not other persons are still in the structure," he said.

"We are looking for, we believe, a second male. We don't yet know whether he is in that residence or in the area around it.

"The first male, we believe, is still in the residence. We're just trying to assess that now."

Taylor described a massive deployment of manpower, saying that five surrounding detachments were scouring the area with two emergency-response teams, air services and the canine unit.

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## Nazi talk not helpful: Adviser

Making "breathless" comparisons between modern day Iran and Nazi Germany is excessive and unhelpful in the face of a dangerously escalating situation, says a point man for Bill Clinton's Middle East peace initiatives.

The head of the International Crisis Group's Middle East program offered that view Tuesday just days after Minister John Baird made just such a comparison from Israel.

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## Komen VP resigns amid backlash

A vice-president at a major U.S. breast-cancer charity who backed the organization's move to strip funding for Planned Parenthood resigned Tuesday.

Karen Handel supported a decision for Susan G. Komen for the Cure to exclude the organization from future grants for breast-cancer screenings because it was under congressional investigation.

The charity reversed course after a firestorm of criticism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## NYC vendor running for Congress

A New York City vendor who alerted police to an attempted car bombing in Times Square is running for Congress.

Duane Jackson said Tuesday that his brush with terrorism in 2010 taught him that it made sense to get involved.

He's seeking the Democratic nomination to challenge Republican Nan Hayworth in his home district north of the city.

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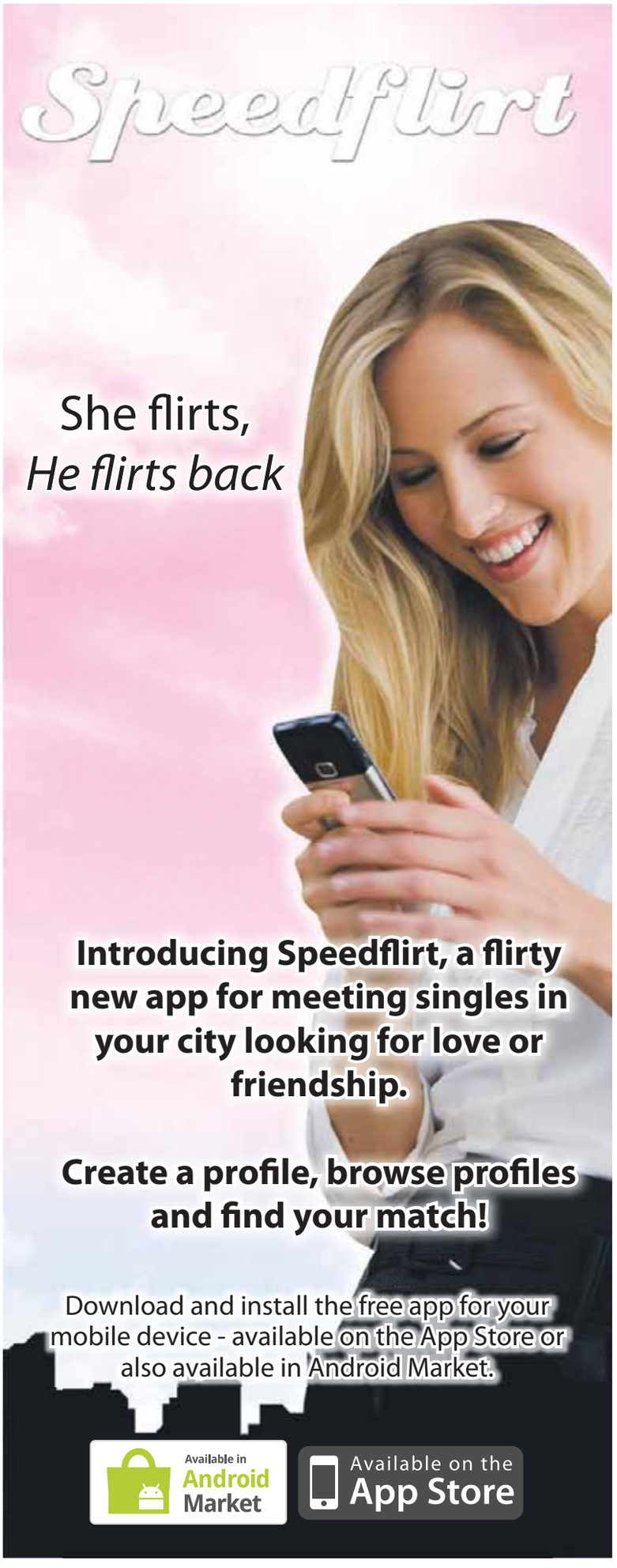
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# Iranian leader under fire

## Politicians to question Ahmadinejad over mismanagement of economy

Iran's parliament on Tuesday decided to summon President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for questioning over a long list of accusations, including that he mismanaged the nation's economy.

The summons was the first of its kind for an Iranian president since 1979. It follows a petition by a group of lawmakers for a review of policy decisions by Ahmadinejad, who has come under increasing attacks from the same hard-liners who brought him to power.

It is also part of a power struggle on the Iranian political scene ahead of March 2 parliamentary elections and the 2013 presidential vote.

Besides the economy, Ahmadinejad will also be asked about foreign and domestic policy decisions.

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▶ Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will be questioned by lawmakers over a long list of accusations.

# Farsi station spreads peaceful message

While Israeli leaders are increasingly sounding belligerent warnings of a potential military strike against Iran's nuclear installations, a group of Iranian-Israelis are transmitting a different message.

Radio RADISIN, a private Farsi-language radio station based in Tel Aviv, airs Iranian music, poetry and current affairs shows aiming to spread peace between the Israeli and Iranian people — regardless of who is in power in Tehran.

"We, the people in Israel, are a peaceful nation and not an enemy, or the 'little Satan' as we are described by the Iranian regime," said Shay Amir, the station's 42-year-old CEO, who left Iran for Israel after the 1979 Islamic revolution. "For 32 years, the regime has poisoned its people against Israel. We are here to tell the truth."

Before the revolution, Israel and Iran were close allies. But now Israel considers Iran its most dangerous foe because of the Islamic Republic's support of Palestinian militant groups, its repeated threats to destroy the Jewish state and its nuclear program.

Israel, like the West, believes Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons. Tehran says its nuclear-research program is for peaceful purposes only.

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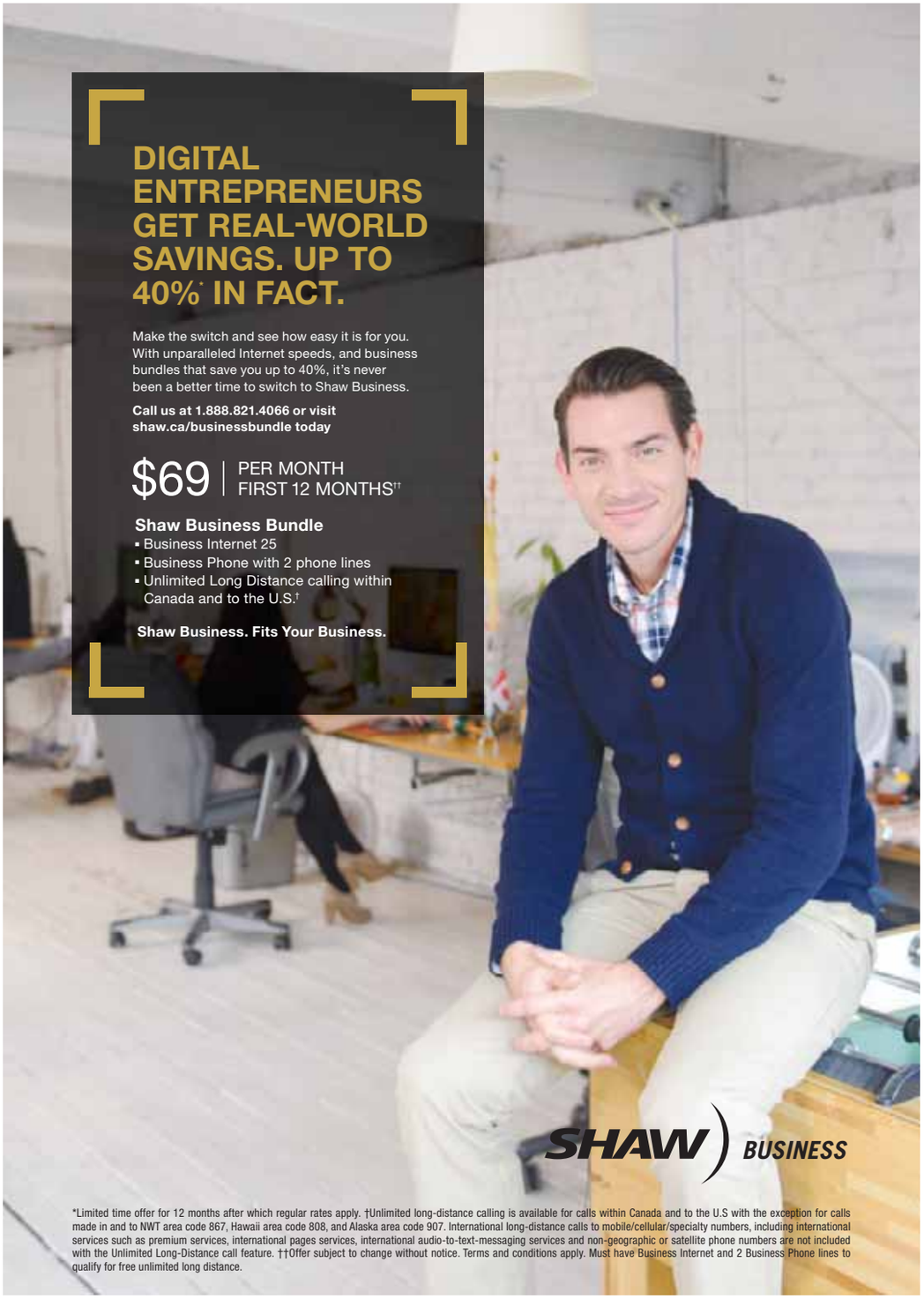
**100,000**

**Some 100,000 Jews of Iranian descent live in Israel today, many with fond memories and still strong ties to friends and relatives in their homeland. An estimated 25,000 Jews still live in Iran.**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# Trip to tighten bond with China

## While in Beijing, PM to discuss developing a long-term strategy

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, arrive in Beijing on Tuesday. Harper is on a visit to China.

Centuries ago, emperors flocked to the Temple of Heaven in Beijing to pray for a good harvest.

And that's where Prime Minister Stephen Harper will make one of his first stops on a trip through China, continuing a course he set two years ago to harvest more of the country's wealth.

The trip comes amid a renewed focus on Canada's ability to satiate China's growing thirst for oil — a thirst that's reflected itself in billions of dollars worth of Chinese investment in Canada's oilfields since 2009.

One route is the Northern Gateway pipeline, which could deliver oil from Alberta to ports in B.C. and then onwards to China. But hearings into the pipeline have just begun.

So, though oil and gas executives form part of the 40-strong business contingent along for Harper's trip, it is other sectors ready now for greater Chinese involvement that will be daily focus of Harper's tour.

This is Harper's second visit to China since 2009. The two countries have grown closer thanks to a series of high-level meetings.

Harper is hoping to push forward the relationship with a series of events highlighting people as much as product, as well as signing new deals.

Among the deals in the works is the foreign-investment protection agreement, which has been under negotiation with China for almost 20 years.

Business groups would like to see an agreement finally reached, as it would give both sides more confidence to expand trade.

The delegation on the trip includes five cabinet ministers, six Tory MPs and 40 business and community leaders, including high-level executives from the energy and agriculture sectors.

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## News in brief

### Canada's a seller's market, senators hear

**COMPETITION.** There are many reasons why retailers charge consumers more in Canada than they do in the United States, but one is simply that they can, witnesses told a Senate committee Tuesday. Representatives of Canada's manufacturers and consumer-advocacy groups focused on the same point — the lack of competition in Canada's retail sector — as a possible key component for the continuing price gap. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Tweak system for jobs: Report

**IMMIGRATION.** The federal government could put the equivalent of 370,000 more people to work if it tweaked the immigration system to focus on the long-term needs of the job market, says a new report by Toronto-Dominion Bank. Immigrants who arrived in Canada in the 1970s used to be able to catch up to the salaries of their Canadian counterparts within a generation. But the disparity has grown steadily and now the average immigrant doesn't have much hope of seeing the gap close until the second generation.

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# Walmart expansion to boost jobs in Canada

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Walmart Canada plans to spend more than $750 million this year to open, relocate or remodel 73 retail stores, including former Zellers locations.

The world's biggest retailer said Tuesday the initiative will create more than 14,000 jobs — about 3,500 new store positions and 10,500 in the trades and construction sector.

The hiring spree would be a big help to Canada's job picture as the January unemployment rate rose to 7.6 per cent.

Walmart already employs about 85,000 Canadians and is the country's largest department-store retailer by sales. Included on the list of Walmart Canada stores are 39 Zellers locations the Canadian subsidiary bought last year.

Walmart said more than half of the 73 projects will become supercentres, which offer an array of groceries as well as general merchandise.

The expansion comes as competition in the Canadian retail market heats up with the entry of fellow discount retailer Target next year. Walmart operates 333 stores in Canada.

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# Halliburton to ditch BlackBerry for iPhone

In another blow to troubled Canadian smartphone maker Research in Motion, energy drilling giant Halliburton Co. says it will replace its company-issued BlackBerrys with competitor Apple's iPhone.

Halliburton said Tuesday it is making the move after deciding that Apple's technology works better with the programs it uses in the field. A spokeswoman for the firm says the plan will phase out 4,500 BlackBerrys from its operations.

RIM has been struggling to keep a solid presence in the market against Apple's products and Android phones.

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# WHEN BUZZ PHRASE TURNS TO BUZZ KILL

## JUST SAYIN' ...

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This column is totally going viral! How can I say that? Well, I can't, really.

But the point is that the phrase "going viral" is becoming so overused by media, bloggers, marketers, PR types and consumers alike to describe something that is "taking off" (when it isn't always), that has definitely more than hit its tipping point — and could soon jump the shark.

"Going viral" has become one of the sexiest phrases out there, and essentially means becoming extremely popular in a very short amount of time.

Now everyone wants to be part of something that's going viral, whether they're creating it or sharing it. The Internet and social media, of course, have fuelled virality in ways pre-Internet couldn't do, and the term "going viral" has seeped into popular culture.

It's referred to everywhere — in movies, TV, music and even books.

**"'Going viral' has become so ubiquitous, so overused, that, often as not, it refers to things that aren't going viral."**

Whether it's a YouTube video, a tweet, a Facebook photo, a meme, interactive flash game, app, software or a forwarded email, attaching the message "going viral" is an exciting way to get people to click on something and pass it on to others.

Certainly much of the shared stuff is awesome, but "going viral" has become so ubiquitous, so overused, that, often as not, it refers to things that aren't going viral.

The term is used as kind of a desperate gimmick by marketers to generate exposure for products and by everyday people looking for fame for stuff that really isn't catching on in the least.

So ... I propose the time has come for all of us to start being far more discriminating about our use of "going viral." To have some criteria and rules for what "going viral" is (e.g., 100,000 YouTube views in a matter of days is "going viral"; 9,000 views is not).

If we don't, we're totally going to ruin the meaning of this phrase through its overuse. People will stop clicking on it — or be far more suspicious — of anything that says "going viral." It will come more to mean "going anti-viral." Or buzz kill.

Failing that, perhaps we just move past it altogether and begin to use new words and phrases to describe the phenomenon of something getting popular really fast. Phrases like "holy contagious!" or "completely insane!" or "crazy buzz!"

Those could just as easily start to generate new excitement for something taking off.

So, yes, as I was saying, this column is totally going viral, er, holy contagious!

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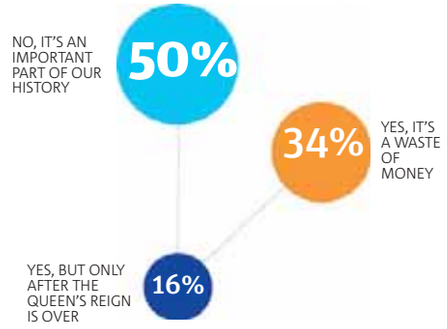


## Local tweets

- **@JoeFortes Van:** RT @vancity_vixen: #vancouver's 1st lifeguard was a Barbadian settler named Joe Fortes. Children loved him as did the city #blackhistory
- **@FMAWeekly:** With Pamela Masik on #urbanrush to chat about the factory girls party on the 25th #vancouver
- **@ryanwhitney6:** If the Pats hold on for this win does the city of Vancouver riot again?
- **@lavieenblush:** Welcome to the @BiothermCanada team @milosraonic! We are proud to have you as our new ambassador. Good luck in Vancouver with the @DavisCup!
- **@ctv_stjohn:** #Vancouver's @RioTheatre has written directly to @christyclarkbc; it reads: Do something or 30 jobs soon lost.
- **@cwistal:** Single ladies: Circle Feb 19. The Bachelor Canada is holding auditions in #Vancouver. bit.ly/ACe4qA @Citytv_PR
- **@AndrewIntern945:** JUST ANNOUNCED: Madonna's World Tour is coming to #Vancouver on September 29, 2012 at @RogersArena! Tickets on sale this Monday at 10AM!

## Daily Zoom

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# He has pins and needles

## Pain and prayer at Hindi fest

It looks like this unfortunate man has got tangled in some gigantic bicycle wheel.

But in reality this contraption is a centrepiece to Tuesday's Hindi festival of Thaipusam. Here, a devotee carries a "Kavadi" along a four-kilometre route from the Sri Srinivasa Perumal, one of Singapore's oldest temples. MWN

### Thaipusam facts

- **For the faint-hearted, too.** Those not keen on self-impalement offer pots of milk to the gods.
- **Body be pure.** 48 days before the event, devotees abstain from meat, alcohol and sex.
- **Skin-pulling day.** Devotees pull carts by ropes hooked on their backs.

## Physical bond to divine forces

Thaipusam, a Hindu festival celebrated in the Tamil month of Thai (in January or February, depending on the full moon), celebrates the deity Murugan. Devotees pierce body parts such as cheeks and tongues before carrying the "Kavadi."

These rituals stress the zealot's physical devotion to divine forces. MWN

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- Tickets for the Juno Awards go on sale Friday
- Nickelback, Drake, Feist, Hedley among Juno nomination leaders

# Who will rule this year's Junos?

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▶ Deadmau5, a.k.a. Joel Zimmerman, appears on stage during the Juno Award nominations announcement Tuesday in Toronto.

City and Colour, Dan Mangan, Drake, Feist, Hedley and Nickelback led the Juno Award nominations Tuesday with four nods apiece, setting up a wide-open race at this year's gala in Ottawa.

No one artist managed to rise above the pack as nominations were announced at a glitzy, crammed gathering in Toronto. After the first group of nominees, Avril Lavigne, Michael Bublé and Deadmau5 followed with three nods each.

Teen sensation Justin Bieber also earned a pair of nominations — including one for album of the year — while other multiple nominees included Blue Rodeo co-frontman Jim Cuddy, Hamilton rockers Arkells and Montreal-based indie-rockers Braids.

With so many multiple nominees, many artists will be duking it out with one another over and over again in several categories.

"I could kick Bieber's ass but not Drake — he's a bit hardcore," laughed Niagara Falls, Ont., electronic producer Deadmau5 (nee Joel Zimmerman), who's up for the Juno fan choice award and artist of the year — a nomination he called a "shocker."

He's probably less surprised about being up for best dance recording, a category he's won four years in a row.

"It's not really weird when you're only one of like five Canadians making dance music these days," he said of the unique scenario. "(But) I'm sure a lot more are, and that just kind of paves the way for a lot more to be recognized."

Cuddy, meanwhile, has two nominations for his third solo record, Skyscraper Soul, on the same night that Blue Rodeo will be inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

"It's huge," Cuddy said. "Obviously we love the status we have as a band that's been around for a long time, but you do want your newest work to be acknowledged. So I'm very, very pleased."

Of the marquee names nominated, Mangan might have come as a surprise to some fans. Among his four nods, the 28-year-old Vancouver native is up for new artist of the year and songwriter of the year, a category in which he'll compete with Cuddy, Ron Sexsmith, Feist and Dallas Green.

Album of the year will pit Christmas albums by Bieber and Bublé up against the latest from Drake, Avril Lavigne and Nickelback, while the field for artist of the year includes City and Colour, Deadmau5, Feist, Bublé and, yes, Drake again.

More performers were also added to the lineup on Tuesday — including group of the year nominees Nickelback and Hedley — joining Feist, City and Colour, Deadmau5 and Blue Rodeo.

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## Shatner's show

**Star Trek icon William Shatner has been named host of the April 1 gala, to be broadcast on CTV.**

**Picking Shatner** to oversee the awards is a generational shift from last year, when the show was hosted by Toronto rapper Drake, who received strong reviews for showcasing his comedic side during his turn as MC.

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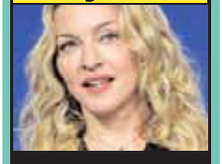
▶ William Shatner

## 2 scene

### Madge is back



Madonna's not finished with stadiums. Live Nation Entertainment announced Tuesday that the Material Girls first tour since 2009 will include a Sept. 6 show at Yankee Stadium. Her world tour will start May 29 in Tel Aviv, Israel. The North American portion of the tour will include Montreal, San Jose and Cleveland.

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# Russell wants his brand on Deschanel

**Katy Perry look-alike and New Girl star caught the eye of Russell Brand**

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## THE WORD

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In the wake of his split from Katy Perry, Russell Brand has reportedly set his sights on New Girl star Zooey Deschanel — and has been sending her "fun, flirty texts," according to Hollyscoop.

Sources say that Brand "thinks she's hysterically funny and cute, too. He loves her quirky sense of humour, and thinks they'd be great together both on-and-off screen."

Coincidentally (or not!), Deschanel filed for divorce from husband Ben Gibbard just days before Brand filed for divorce from Perry.

This is weird, because the fact the two women look alike is well documented. In 2009, Deschanel actually complained to MTV News about constantly being confused with Perry.

"It's a little bit annoying, to be totally blunt. The only similarity that we have is that we look a little bit alike," she told the site. "I have met her before. She seems like a nice person. I'm happy that she's famous enough now that she's not going out and being mistaken for me."

**"He loves her quirky sense of humour, and thinks they'd be great together..."**
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▶ Russell Brand has been courting a woman who looks a lot like his ex Katy Perry.

## Talking points

### Pitt says Jolie still has a wild side to her

**LOOK FOR HER NEW MOVIE ROLE AS A BAD GIRL** While in recent years Angelina Jolie has seemed to tame the bad-girl ways that made her famous, Brad Pitt insists — rather coyly — that her at-home behaviour is still pretty fun.

"She's still a bad girl," Brad says in an interview with CBS This Morning. "Delightfully so. It's not for public consumption."
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### Beyoncé baby body bouncing back into form

**TIME TO MAKE THE ROUNDS** Beyoncé showed off her post-baby body in her first public outing since giving birth a month ago, attending husband Jay-Z's charity concert at Carnegie Hall, according to Us Weekly.

The new mom reportedly made the most of her night out at the concert's after-party, as well.

"She made a much bigger effort to say hello to nearly everyone, making rounds around the whole club before joining Jay-Z and guests in the VIP room," a source says.
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## Celebrity tweets

"I'm so sad that basically every celeb has died this week. Where would I get my news if it weren't for Twitter Trending Topics??"
@frankiemuniz

@Diane_Keaton
"Thanks for all the birthday wishes, but it was last month!"

@madlyv
"Just luv the Apple store. Full of hipsters and not one who'll help. Oh sorry I meant "geniuses""

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**For the fashionista: Score a fabulous find from a local designer**

Montreal is fiercely proud of its homegrown designers — and stepping into their boutiques, it's not hard to see why. For the conscientious snow bunny, Harricana (3000 rue Saint-Antoine Ouest, 514-287-6517) is a dream come true: Designer Mariouche Gagne upcycles outdated fur fashions into classically cool new pieces, like a knitted fur vest.

For more secondhand finds, pop into the "friperies" in the trendy Plateau District. We like Folles Alliees (365 Av. du Mont-Royal E., 514-843-4904) for its finely curated, mint-condition vintage pieces and Retromania Boutique (820 Av. du Mont-Royal E., 514-596-2618) for its well-organized, affordable finds that could have come from your hip sister's closet.

**For the culturephile: Eat your way through the city like a local**

You could spend hours in Montreal's markets, sampling the local food and mingling with the people who grow and purchase it. Little Italy's Jean-Talon Market (7070 Henri-Julien St., 514-937-7754) is a year-round emporium of all things fresh and a true feast for all your senses.

But save some room for the bagels. Montreal-style bagels are smaller, sweeter and denser than the New York variety. They're always baked in a wood-fire oven — right in front of you at St-Viateur Bagel & Cafe (multiple locations, stviateurbagel.com) — which makes it worth a stop for breakfast or lunch.

## Hotel deal

▶ Tourisme Montreal is offering 50 per cent off your second night at more than 25 participating hotels, as well as a discount booklet for major attractions. Visit tourisme-montreal.org for full package details.

## Travel in brief

One of the 20th century's most famous performers who spent his childhood in Appleton, Wis., will be the subject of an exhibit at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. The show about magician and escape artist Harry Houdini will examine his life, legend and cultural influence. Houdini: Art and Magic starts Feb. 11 and runs through May 13.
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# WHAT TO EAT IN NEW YORK CITY

**Planning a trip there this year? Our favourite chefs tell us what's going to be huge Get your taste receptors ready for family-friendly grub that's lower-priced but not lower in taste**

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"We're going to see more ethnic Jewish cuisines this year," says veteran New York chef Anita Lo.

### Eduard Frauneder
Co-chef/owner, Seasonal Restaurant & Weinbar
**seasonalnyc.com**
Austrian tavern Edi & the Wolf
**ediandthewolf.com**
*"In 2012, I see a continued focus on regional sourcing; the return of traditional cooking methods such as curing, smoking and pickling; and rustic dining with lower-priced concepts. I envision more authentic concepts that emphasize regional cuisines and an increase in smaller, more focused menus."*

### Romuald Jung
Executive chef of Bagatelle New York
**(opening 2012: bistrotbagatelle.com)**
*"Ironically, since Bagatelle will be larger in its new space than it was at its previous location, I think the trend is toward smaller restaurants. People want an intimate experience. Dining out has come to mimic the feeling of being at a very high-end dinner party more than in years past. My favorite example of this is Chef's Table at Brooklyn Fare."*

### Michael 'Kiwi' Camplin
Executive chef at The Vinatta Project
**vinattaproject.com**
*"I think we are returning to the concept of the shared family meal, even among friends. More and more people will want to learn how to cook and will therefore be even pickier about what they choose to consume at restaurants. And the concept of the group meal will carry over into restaurant dining."*

### Todd MacDonald
Executive chef at Villa Pacri and La Gazzetta
**villapacri.com**
*"I think we'll see an increase of small plate-type places as I think people like to have the option of snacking on a few different flavours as opposed to one large plate of food. This feels more cost-effective to the traditional New York diner — it feels like you're getting more for your money. It's also a more social experience, allowing for a more convivial group dining experience."*

### Anita Lo
Chef and owner of Annisa Restaurant and author of "Cooking Without Borders"
**annisarestaurant.com**
*"We're going to see more ethnic Jewish cuisines — Roman Jewish food, Spanish Jewish food, etc. I also think wines from the Levant region in Spain (Ribeira Sacra) and more artisanal soy products will be on the rise this year."*

# Breathe in. It's Montana

**It's not the first U.S. destination on your mind It's not even the fifth But lovers of the outdoors might want to skip Colorado**

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**Camping:** Montana houses two spectacular national parks, Glacier and Yellowstone (of Old Faithful fame). Just stopping through? Try Glacier's Going-to-the-Sun Road, a 50-mile drive through some of the park's best scenery.

**Fly fishing:** Montana is home to the world's best fly fishing, in a network of sparkling rivers and creeks. Hire a guide to loan you some gear and to show you where the locals cast. (For a refresher, skip the movie and read Missoula native Norman Maclean's "A River Runs Through It")

**Ghost hunting:** During a mining boom in the late 19th century, a number of small towns and mining camps were created in the western part of the state. While long since abandoned, many of these ghost towns have been preserved and are open for tours.

# A bite-size holiday

**Pintxos are the Basque answer to tapas, served up on the counters of bars throughout San Sebastian**
**Snack and drink your way around town for a tasty, traditional experience**

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Pintxos

You wouldn't normally rate an eatery by how dirty the floor is, but in San Sebastian, Spain, the more discarded napkins and toothpicks that pile on the floor, the better. Here, the mountain of debris beneath your feet is a sign of a popular place to eat pintxos, the Basque region's answer to tapas.

The wealthy coastal city of San Sebastian has more Michelin stars per resident than any other

area in the world, but you don't need to be a millionaire to enjoy pintxos; these elegant bite-sized snacks cost just a couple of euros a plate, and are presented on the counter of bars throughout town.

Locals meet for a few pintxos washed down with a tumbler of txacoli, a local slightly-sparkling dry white wine, just before going home for dinner. The custom is to ask the barman for a plate, load it up with pintxos that tickle your fancy, then pay up for whatever you eat and drink when you leave. These tasty treats often feature local ingredients including ham, prawn, mushrooms and peppers spiked with a toothpick. Gilda, a tiny skewer of olive, anchovy and pepper, is a classic.

## A tasting tour

The alleyways of the city's picturesque old town is peppered with bars offering pintxos of every sort, but as you'd expect, the standard is not equal everywhere, so to help us navigate the bars, we hitched a ride with a handful of other gastronauts on a pintxos-tasting tour with gastronomic experience organizers San Sebastian Food.

Our cheery guide, Elin, not only took away the anxiety of uncovering and ordering the best pintxos at the best bars, but she gave us real insight into a region and city where food is taken so seriously that men meet up to cook and eat at 'txoko,' private gents-only eating societies where — in other cities — they might congregate at a golf or squash club.

First stop was a bar owned by former boxer Paco Bueno, specializing in 'gambas en gabardine,' plump prawns deep-fried in their batter 'jackets.' A couple of alleyways away we sunk our teeth into a simple pintxos of perfect, succulent sirloin steak, and a heap of flavoursome green Gernika peppers, washed down with a glass of well-rounded red.

## And more...

Round the corner, we scoffed down fried patatas bravas and mussels with a rich spicy sauce.

At the next bar, we perched at a table al fresco for rich foie gras and veal cheeks on cauliflower puree. The finale was a culinary experience at award-winning Zeruko, where we were served a dish of smoking cod with lettuce shot, and a desert of an egg made of lemon cream with a passion fruit 'yolk' to be mopped up with a lemon sponge tower. To finish? A pretty 'Sechuan Button,' a flower that we were told would 'cleanse our palate,' that gave our mouths a searing gustatory trip, a suitably adventurous end to our culinary journey.

## 2 GREAT PINTXOS BARS

### CHEAP AND CHEERFUL
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- 1 1/4 oz Carolans
- 3/4 oz cherry brandy

Shake all ingredients up with ice, pour into a chilled Martini glass. Garnish with a fresh strawberry.

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# Penne perfection

**There's nothing as comforting as gooey cheeses baked into pasta Four delicious ones are used here**

## DINNER EXPRESS

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Gooey cheeses combine to create a warm and cosy feel to this Penne and Four Cheese favourite.

Baking the creamy pasta combination gives an extra bubbly sauce with a golden-brown topping that is irresistible.

### Preparation:

1. Melt butter in saucepan over medium heat and cook shallot, garlic and thyme for 5 minutes or until softened. Stir in flour and cook, stirring for 1 minute.
2. Whisk in cream and cook, whisking occasionally for about 10 minutes or until thickened enough to coat the back of a spoon. Remove from heat and add fontina, Gorgonzola, ricotta and Parmigiano into cream mixture and whisk until smooth. Stir in basil and keep warm.
3. In large pot of boiling salted water, cook penne for 8 minutes. Add spinach and cook for 2 minutes until spinach is wilted and pasta is al dente. Drain well and return to pot. Add cheese sauce and stir to combine well. Spoon pasta mixture into 8 French onion soup bowls and place on large baking sheet.
4. Topping: Combine breadcrumbs, parsley, Parmigiano and butter in bowl. Sprinkle over pasta. Place in preheated 425 F (220 C) oven and bake for about 10 minutes or until bubbly and golden brown.

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### Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup (50 mL) butter
- 2 small shallots, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) chopped fresh thyme or 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) flour
- 3 cups (750 mL) 5% light cream
- 1 cup (250 mL) shredded fontina cheese
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) crumbled Gorgonzola cheese (about 4 oz/125 g)
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 1 1/2 lbs (750 g) penne rigate pasta (about 6 cups/1.5 L)
- 1 bag (10 oz/300 g) baby spinach, chopped
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped fresh basil or Italian parsley

**Topping:**

- 2 cups (500 mL) fresh bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) butter, melted

EMILY RICHARDS

The recipe makes eight servings.

**Squash, mushrooms and Italian cheese combine to give this penne dish unique flavour It's simple to make**

## Squash Penne

THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

The recipe makes four to six servings.

This tasty and easy-to-make pasta gets its flavour and goodness from butternut squash, oyster mushrooms and Piave cheese as well as whole-grain penne.

Piave is a cow's milk cheese made in the Belluno region of Italy.

It has a slightly sweet tasting flavour, which when aged, develops an intense, full-bodied flavour. It resembles a young Parmigiano-Reggiano. It can be found in specialty Italian cheese shops.

Look for precut and peeled squash to add some speed to this recipe.

### Preparation:

1. In a large sauté pan, heat olive oil over medium heat and cook butternut squash with salt and until lightly golden brown.
2. Meanwhile, in large pot of boiling salted water, cook penne for about 8 minutes or until al dente. Drain reserving 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the pasta cooking liquid when draining. Set aside.
3. Add oyster mushrooms to pan with squash. Add reserved pasta cooking liquid and continue to cook for a few minutes, letting flavours develop.
4. Combine pasta in pan with squash and mushrooms. Cook until pasta is tender and remove from heat.
5. Toss with chives and grated cheese.

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### Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) extra virgin olive oil
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) diced butternut squash (small dice)
- 1 pkg (375 g) whole-grain penne
- 250 ml (1 cup) sliced oyster mushrooms
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely chopped chives
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) grated Piave cheese or Parmigiano-Reggiano
- Salt, to taste

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When I first started at Simon Fraser University, I was happy that my school had a co-op program and I had heard that many students had positive co-op experiences.

However, as time gradually passed and I finally enrolled successfully into the co-op program last March, I realized that I could not find any relevant jobs because of my major: geography.

As I searched through the list of co-op jobs, I figured out that many science co-op jobs were related to environmental science. I realized that I was following the wrong path.

I immediately talked to my advisor and switched my major from geography with an environmental specialty to physical geography, and then to environmental science.

A few months passed and I finally had two interviews last August. I did not expect to receive a placement, so I was shocked when I got a phone call from the co-op advisor, telling me I had an offer.

▶ Yoko Lu has changed her focus from geography to environmental science.

**"Do not be disappointed even when you do not get the job. You should evaluate any mistakes you have made and correct them."**
YOKO LU

I was lucky to get a job in my co-op program because I got accepted into the program very late.

My key suggestion to students is not to give up. I kept applying to the job offers even though the job descriptions were not really in my area of study. I would recommend students keep applying even though you may feel uncomfortable with the job or its description.

If you are invited to interviews, you have to keep in mind that the employers receive lots of applications and can only choose a few students to interview and only one will get an offer.

Do not be disappointed even when you do not get the job. You should evaluate any mistakes you have made and correct them.

To help with this process, I believe that schools should have more courses on real world experiences, such as writing resumés and cover letters, and preparing for interviews.

Workshops are not enough. I think there should be regular courses where students can be taught more efficiently and perhaps students would be able to apply to jobs after their resumés and cover letters are carefully checked by their peers. Co-op jobs do not have to be run by the school, it could also be a direct contact made with the employer by students.

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**Where Yoko is now**

I am currently a co-op student as a research project assistant and I am volunteering at various positions during the weekends, and am still willing to take on new experiences.

### Lessons learned

**Key take-aways from Yoko's experience:**

- Browse job listings to see which skills, experiences and education are in demand.
- Changing your major early on isn't failing — it's OK to change your mind.
- Don't get discouraged! Competition is fierce in many fields and it might take some time to get a job.

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# Hidden gems in the health field

**Pursuing a career in health? You may have more professional options available to you than you know**

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As with most areas of study, health care has its hidden and overlooked diamonds of opportunity. Your choices aren't simply doctor or nurse: there are plenty of less-common careers in the industry that allow you to help patients in a variety of ways. Here are three paths you may not have considered

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### Physical therapists

Physical therapists spend extensive time working with patients, creating a bond and designing programs and rehabilitation exercises. Many of these patients are athletes.

"We see athletes enter with concussions, unknown pain or decreases in production or post-op status," says Chris Keating of Strive Physical Therapy. They create personalized recovery plans, similar to the way a teacher formats a curriculum.

"The programs we design will progress enhancing a patient's strength, flexibility, balance, coordination, endurance and overall performance," says Keating.

### Holistic health care

One largely expanding field is that of holistic healing. CAM — an acronym for Complementary and Alternative Medicine — involves sophisticated practices that include acupuncture and acupressure along with massage therapy.

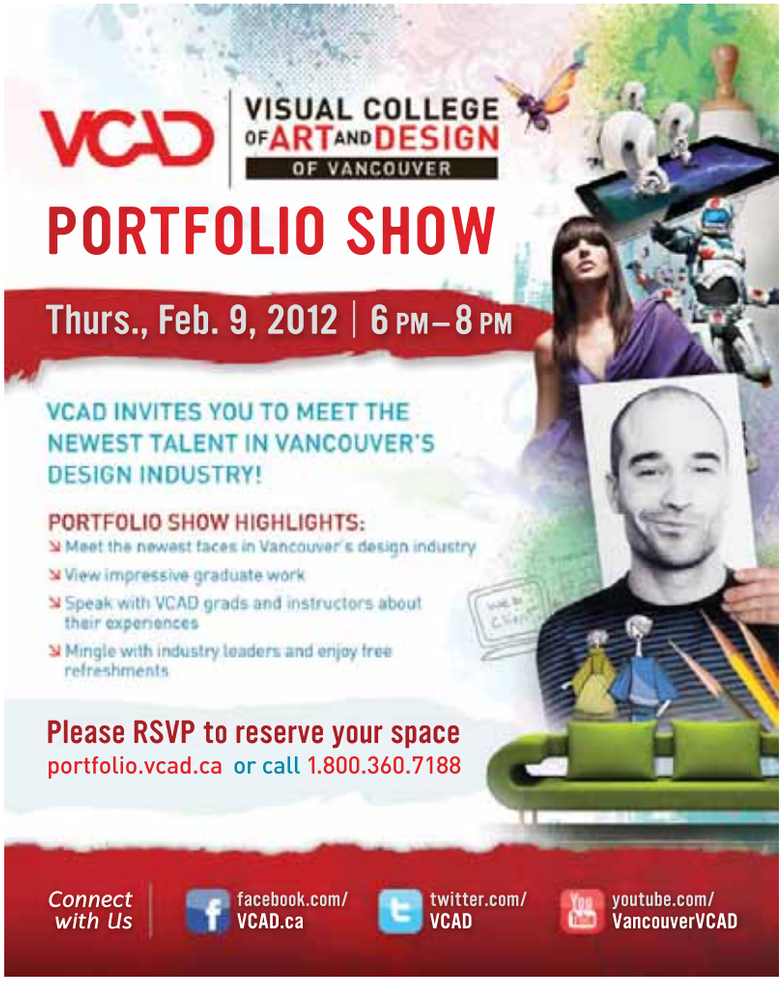
More schools are offering courses in this study, and more Americans are seeking medical attention in alternative forms: A National Health Interview Survey found that 38 per cent of adults questioned use a form of alternative or holistic medicine.

### Occupational therapists

Occupational therapists assist the elderly and those who have suffered an illness or injury in relearning everyday skills. It's a flexible job that offers a variety of positions within the system.

"Occupational therapy allows for many jobs in the same career," explains occupational therapist Jeremy R. Furniss, VP of Operations at Ergo Solutions.

"You find OTs in medical care and hospitals, work sites such as factories or offices, schools and just about anywhere else these days."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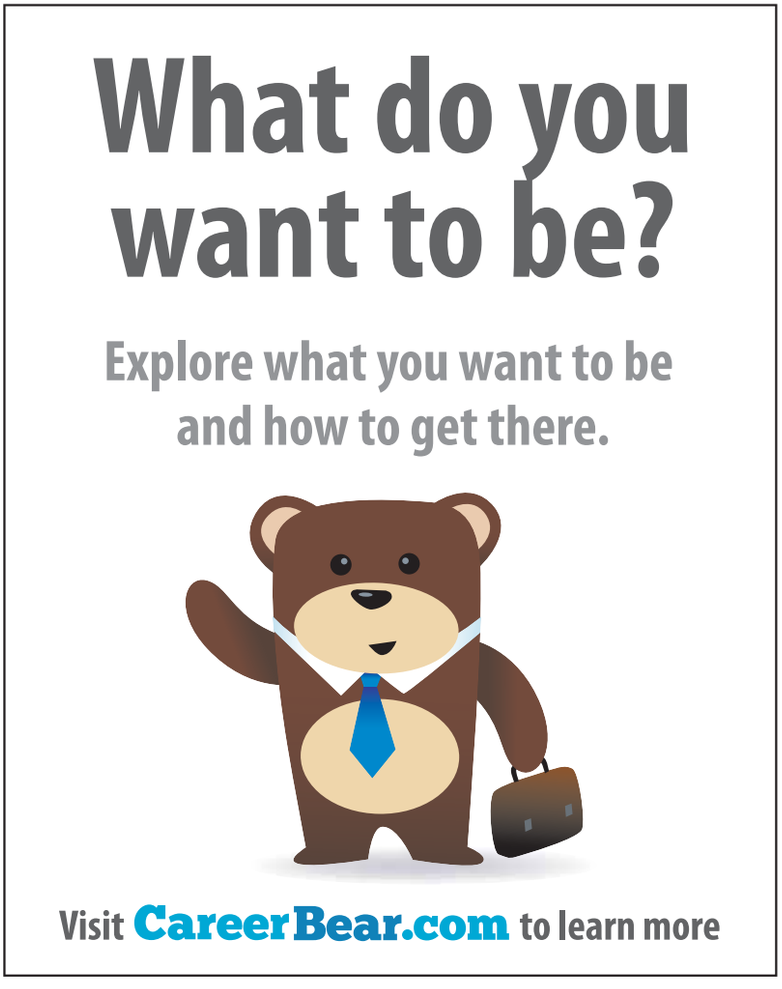

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## MBA GRADUATES LEARN TO ANALYZE THE MANY DIFFERENT AREAS OF BUSINESS

With average Canadian MBA students earning as much as $143,000 after graduation, according to the Financial Post's 2010 MBA program index, there is good reason the masters of business administration is gaining popularity in Canada and worldwide.

Students who have an MBA have been exposed to many different areas of business they probably would not have otherwise, says Shai Dubey, director of the Queen's MBA program and academic director of the university's Masters of International Business. That experience allows MBA grads to analyze problems critically from many angles.

"You provide added value for your company because you have a well-rounded perspective on how a business should work," he explains.

Going through an MBA program is also about personal exploration, he says. "It's about exploring ... how to leverage your skills, how to minimize your weaknesses."

Queen's MBA students graduate with an understanding of the big picture, but also with the skills to execute on that understanding, Dubey says.

Leadership skills are a vital component of the degree. "Within an organization people do MBAs because they want to get promoted, and to get promoted you need to be able to lead people," says Dubey.

Good leadership is very different from managing people, he explains. "You can give anyone a title, but that doesn't mean they can actually lead." The Queen's program is designed to give students many opportunities to exercise their leadership skills. It's a trait to look for if you are choosing a school, says Dubey.

Because teamwork is such an important aspect of an MBA, the people you work closely with in class can be just as important as the skills you learn.

"You're forming life-long friendships," says Dubey, who adds he regularly sees Queen's alumni recruit for their own businesses from their alma mater because they trust the quality of the education. That's the power of networking.

However, "where people end up very much depends on what kind of background they have and what kind of industry they're going into," says Dubey.

Whatever their field, an MBA equips grads with a domain of skills that is increasingly critical: The ability and experience to work internationally.

Businesspeople today need to ask themselves, "What is your impact going to be in another part of the world?" Dubey says.

In the global marketplace, an MBA remains relevant for its highly applicable skills and business theory and for the broad perspective it gives grads, says Dubey.

"Students coming out of the MBA are bringing a different skill set to the workplace."

*– Stephanie Orford*

### WHEN CHOOSING A PROGRAM ...

- Visit the school.
- Check out the atmosphere to see if there is a fit for you.
- Find out about the faculty.
- Research faculty credentials, class size, and teacher ratings.
- Talk to current students and alumni, who can give first-hand perspectives on the quality of the program and what graduates can expect from it.

# DOUBLE DEGREE WITH VIU

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The Vancouver Island University (VIU) masters of business administration program cultivates international business leaders, according to Brock Dykeman, director of MBA programs at VIU.

The university specializes in the international, down to the double degree that students graduate with — an MBA from VIU and a masters of science and international business from the University of Hertfordshire in the U.K.

When VIU students want to work internationally, a degree from the U.K. can look good on the CV, Dykeman explains.

The program focuses on international business throughout, but "some people just like the idea of having two degrees," he says.

VIU students also get the chance to network with others from around the globe. The school has the highest percentage of international students of any MBA program in Canada, Dykeman says.

"We're very diverse," he says. "I think the business world is just becoming more and more global as time goes on, so students really need to learn about how to deal with people from other cultures and other conditions.

"The program prepares them to work in a multicultural workforce and at an international company."

Because VIU is a small university, students also get a lot of contact with the faculty, most of whom have international experience. But the Nanaimo-based school has local appeal as well as international, with an "outdoorsy West Coast" character, he says.

For more, visit viu.ca/mba.

*– Stephanie Orford*

# SFU'S UNIQUE MBAS

At Simon Fraser University's MBA program, one size does not fit all.

"Rather than one MBA with streams within it, we actually designed specific and unique MBAs for different kinds of people," explains Colleen Collins, associate dean for graduate programs at SFU's Segal Graduate School in the Beedie School of Business.

For early-career individuals who don't have a business degree, she recommends the full-time MBA, calling it "general management for the 21st century."

The full-time MBA emphasizes corporate responsibility, sustainability, and new markets, Collins says.

Alternatively, SFU's graduate diploma of business administration was designed for those who want business essentials, but not an MBA.

The program also offers an executive MBA for those with more work experience who want business expertise on an executive level.

For technology sector specialists, SFU's Management of Technology (MOT) MBA program trains students for sector-specific challenges like short product life cycle, intensive R&D and frequent new product introduction.

Technology management is a real gap in the Vancouver market, says Collins. "The challenge for so many Vancouver small- and medium-sized start-ups is management talent."

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The SFU MBA programs layer a solid business education onto the background students already have, says Collins. This not only means grads are diverse. They also require a lot less training in the workplace, and are more likely to make a contribution right from Day 1, she says.

"That's what the students are looking for, and certainly that's what the employers are looking for."

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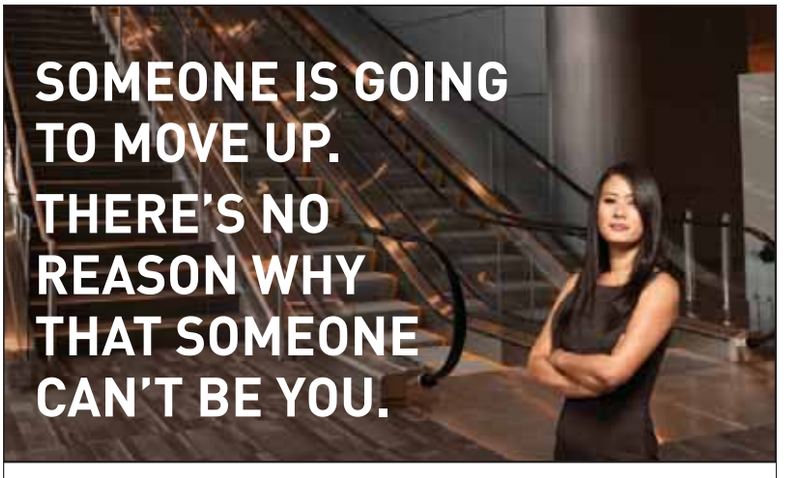


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# Comfortable in crunch time

**Canucks once again find success playing past regulation ‘We’re accustomed to this now,’ Kesler says Predators came into game with NHL’s best record (14-3-0) since Dec. 28**

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▶ Canucks defenceman Alexander Edler scores the game-winning shootout goal on Predators goalie Pekka Rinne in Nashville on Tuesday.

The Vancouver Canucks keep finding ways to win no matter how long it takes.

Alex Edler scored in the sixth round of a shootout to propel the Canucks to a 4-3 win over the Nashville Predators Tuesday night. It was the team’s fifth win in six games.

The Canucks improved to 2-1 in the season series against the team they ousted in the Western Conference semifinals last season where they won all three games in Nashville including the series-clinching sixth game.

“We’re obviously not a team that gives up, and we expected a close game with these guys,” Canucks centre Ryan Kesler said. “We’ve been in a lot of overtime games and shootout games lately.... And we’re getting on the right end of these so we’re doing something right.”

Edler beat Nashville goalie Pekka Rinne through his pads .

Colin Wilson tried to extend the shootout for Nashville, but was stopped by Roberto Luongo who saved 37 shots for the win. Luongo improved to 6-5 in shootouts this season.

“It’s a tight league. Not a lot of separation, and we’re going to be involved in a lot of tight games,” Luongo said. “It’s the type of hockey we’re going to be involved in especially coming down the stretch.”

**5th**
**The Canucks played beyond regulation for a fifth straight game and the eighth time in 10 games.**

Byron Bitz had a goal and an assist, while Kesler and Daniel Sedin also scored goals for Vancouver. Henrik Sedin had two assists.

David Legwand answered Alex Burrows’ goal to extend the shootout. Wilson, Mike Fisher and Sergei Kostitsyn each scored for Nashville.

The Canucks chased Rinne in both games earlier this season in Vancouver. He gave up three goals in the first, including two 23 seconds apart late in the period. But Rinne settled down and didn’t allow another goal until the two in the shootout. The loss snapped his 11-game winning streak.

“It’s a goalie against a shooter, and we both have a chance,” Rinne said. “But I wasn’t happy with those two goals I gave up.”

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**“We think Miguel will be adequate at third base from a defensive perspective. I don’t mean to say he’s going to be a Gold Glover.”**

DETROIT TIGERS GM DAVE DOMBROWSKI ON THE TEAM’S EXPECTATIONS FOR MIGUEL CABRERA, ABOVE, AT THIRD BASE, WHERE HE IS SET TO MOVE NEXT SEASON TO MAKE ROOM FOR PRINCE FIELDER AT FIRST.

# Nolan hangs up his skates

Owen Nolan, who hasn’t played in the NHL since the 2009-10 season, announced his retirement Tuesday at the San Jose Sharks’ home rink.

“I guess I’ve known this day was here for a while,” said Nolan, a five-time all-star and Olympic gold medallist with Canada. “It’s tough to give it up when your heart and mind wants to keep doing it. My body can’t keep up and I had to accept that.”

Nolan, who lives in San Jose, played 18 seasons and scored 422 goals with 463 assists in 1,200 games. He played for the Quebec Nordiques and Colorado Avalanche, the Sharks, Toronto Maple Leafs, Phoenix Coyotes, Calgary Flames and, most recently, the Minnesota Wild.

**“I knew when I retired I would return to San Jose.”**
OWEN NOLAN

Nolan was with the Wild in 2009-10 and played in Zurich last year.

He retires ranked 71st on the NHL’s career goals list, 33rd in power-play goals and 100th in points.

The former Sharks captain, who turns 40 Sunday, was the first overall pick in the 1990 draft and reached the NHL after playing six games with the AHL’s Halifax Citadels.

Nolan said he will spend time with his family before deciding whether he will return to hockey in some capacity.

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RETIREMENT

# Williams leaves NFL again

Ricky Williams is retiring from the NFL.

Again.

This time, however, it appears to be for good.

The 34-year-old Williams told the Baltimore Ravens on Tuesday that he won’t be back to fulfill the second year of a contract he signed in August. Playing as a backup to Ray Rice this year, Williams ran for 444 yards and scored two touchdowns.

He also became the 26th player in NFL history to reach 10,000 yards rushing, reaching the plateau in the season finale at Cincinnati.

Williams retired previously before the 2004 season when facing a four-game suspension for violating the league’s drug policy. He returned in 2005, then left to spend the 2006 season with the CFL’s Toronto Argonauts.

Williams scored 73 touchdowns over his career, all but eight of them on the ground.

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## Out with the V-8

What will likely go unnoticed is the lack of a V-8 option, leaving the GS 350 and the gasoline-electric hybrid GS 450h as the only models. The V-8 GS 460 cost an additional $11,400 over and above the GS 350 when it last appeared in Canada for the 2010 model year and was never a big seller. Its relatively poor fuel economy also didn't help. Replacing the GS 460 is the V-6 F Sport that has its own front clip, mesh grille, body trim, 19-inch wheels and variable suspension and steering systems that continuously adjust to road conditions and driver inputs.

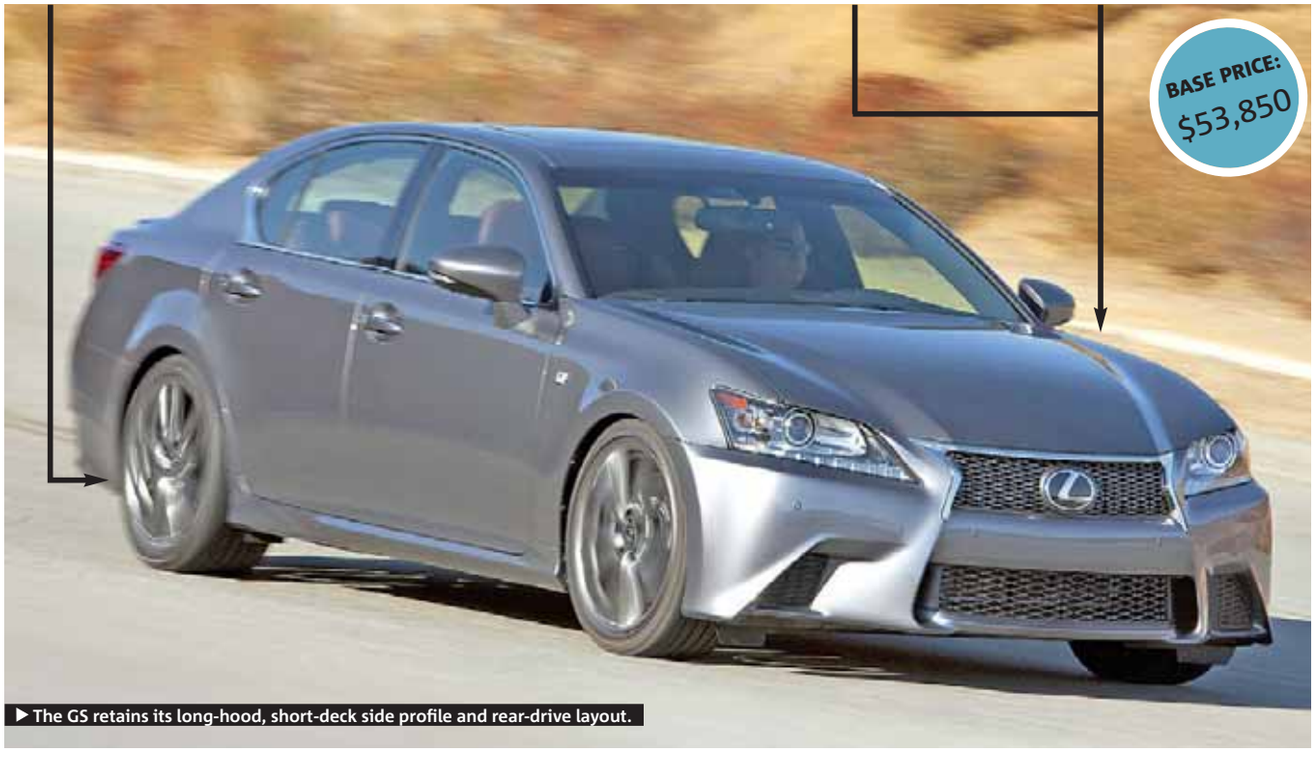
## In with the V-6

It might have a V-6, but the GS 350 is hardly slow. It can scoot to 100 km/h from zero in a Lexus-reported 6.3 seconds, which is a tick more than the second-generation GS 450h that arrives later in the 2012 model year. That model should be the undisputed hot rod in the bunch. What V-8?

The V-6 has been updated with direct fuel injection whereby gas is more accurately metered directly into the combustion chambers.

## Transmission

The F Sport uses the same carryover 306-horsepower 3.5-litre V-6 as the standard GS 350. It's connected to a six-speed automatic transmission that "blips" the throttle for smoother downshifts (called rev matching). Compared to the GS 350, the F Sport adds a level to the standard driver-selectable operating mode that firms up the suspension and sharpens the steering.



▶ The GS retains its long-hood, short-deck side profile and rear-drive layout.

# GS still living in the fast lane

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Wooing and winning over significant numbers of upscale-car buyers has been a successful venture for Toyota's premium brand and the latest GS series should literally accelerate this trend despite being down a couple of cylinders.

Why? Well, for one thing the 2013 GS, which is slated for a February debut, is leading Lexus out of the design doldrums where, along with many of its stable mates, the car has been.

Nothing overly radical mind you, since the 2013 GS shares a number of physical and mechanical components with its 2012 counterpart, but at both ends the revisions are obvious. The reshaped nosepiece displays a large air intake below the grille with additional side intakes that also serve as fog-light housings. The confluence of shapes and angles at the business end might not rank as an artistic tour de force, but it's certainly character building and that will help you spot the GS in a parking lot.

The starting-point GS 350 rings in at stout $54,000, including destination costs, which is about the same as the outgoing model, while the F Sport will likely sticker in the vicinity of $61,500.

The hybrid is estimated in the mid-$70,000 range to start.

That's a lot of cabbage, but this is still life in the fast lane with the GS well within sight of other luxury competitors and their six-cylinder offerings.

▶ A side view of the GS 350.

▶ The F Sport interior features some very business-like hard-metal surfaces that look elegant and expensive.

### 2013 Lexus GS

**What you should know about the 2013 Lexus GS:**

- **Types:** Four-door, rear-/all-wheel-drive luxury sedan.
- **Engines (hp):** 3.5-litre DOHC V6 (306); 3.5-litre DOHC V6/electric motor (338, net).
- **Transmissions:** Six-speed automatic; continuously variable (GS 450h).
- **Market position:** As with its German counterparts, the GS is staking is future on V-6 engine development as it moves away from what was its bread-and-butter V-8. This should not be problematic as V-6 performance continues to increase.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 11.3/7.8 (RWD, est.).

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### By comparison

**Audi S4**
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Sporty AWD four-door with supercharged 333-hp V-6 is quick to 100 km/h.

**Hyundai Genesis**
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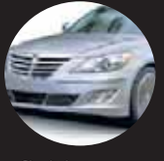

**Infiniti M37**
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**It's a compact four-door, front-drive, four-cylinder Dodge sedan, that's largely Fiat, and has the historic Dart name ... what could possibly go wrong?**

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# Pushing boundaries

▶ The sporty versions of the Dart have larger wheels and a blacked out grille.

It was only a matter of time before this kind of thing happened. Fiat said all along it was going to bring its platforms to North America to backstop the Chrysler and Dodge brands and here's the first one.

Let the lynching begin.

"Sorry but two words ... junk it ... it's not a Dodge Dart ..." writes someone on Dodge's own Facebook "fan" page.

"I think it is ugly and doesn't deserve the DART name!!" writes another seething soul on the Auto Shift Weekly Facebook page where a half dozen 2013 Dart photos are posted.

"I have a 1969 Dart (and) this is nothing like it in any way, shape or form."

OK, we get the picture.

The new Dart is not an old Dart and it doesn't look like an old Dart. Was it supposed to? Did someone at Dodge say it would? Or is that naturally assumed just because of the name?

Using an old name doesn't mean that the old car comes with it. History is littered with examples of badges put on cars that were never intended to pay homage to the original, so why the outrage?

To put it rather mildly, Dodge fanatics are, well, exactly that. And then some.

"Italian crap, please, burn it to the ground! Dodge will never be FIAT!" writes another "hater."

Many are still angered by the fact the current Charger has four doors and not two, even though the new car is light years ahead of the original in terms of performance and comfort.

It's ironic, really, that those same people are trashing the Dart as nothing more than a badge on a Fiat. You don't see them trashing the coveted Dodge Challenger because it's essentially a two-door version of the maligned Charger, do you? Far from it.

So, if it's about the name and the number of doors, why wouldn't Dodge just call it something else in the first place, like Giulietta as the hatchback platform is known back in Italy?

Likely being sensitive to the Fiat-izing of the Dodge brand — which Fiat saved, by the way — what better way to keep the connection with Dodge than to saddle what is largely an Italian compact car with an all-American one-syllable name: Dart.

But, Dodge fans are terminally nostalgic and no amount of song and dance is going to convince them that the new Dart by Fiat is deserving of the Dart badge.

"We want nostalgia ... and not just by use of a 'name.'"

Nostalgia?

The naysayers have foggy memories of what the old Dart was actually about: it's appeal was as a four-door grocery-getter and by the mid-1970s it was a cheaply made one at that.

Of course, the romantics recall the sporty two-door models of the late 1960s and early 1970s that reached star status with their ability to take down cars with much larger engines.

In reality, they were a very small piece of the Dart pie. And the reality today is that Dodge needs a small car to sell as a competitor to the Ford Focus, Chevy Cruze and Hyundai Elantra, and not another rear-wheel-drive V-8 tire fryer like the Challenger SRT8 392.

And here it is. Available only as a front-wheel-drive sedan, 2013 Dart will be available with one of three four-cylinder engines, all of which are from Fiat, which is no problem since there are no other Dodge products to donate the powertrains.

**150**

**Dodge says there are seven wheel options, 12 colours and apparently more than 150 customization options and themed packages for the car. You're going to get your Dart your way.**

The first is a 160-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder. Optional is the 1.4-litre turbocharged "Multiair" four-cylinder. This will be the best choice for fuel economy and all-around power. It's lifted from the Fiat 500 Abarth model.

Multiair is a term that describes the variable intake-valve timing.

There is no camshaft to actuate the valves. Instead they are controlled hydraulically by electronics, which means the valve timing for each cylinder can be tailored cylinder to cylinder and depending on engine revs and load.

At the top is a 184-horsepower four-cylinder 2.4-litre non-turbo Multiair.

If you spend enough time examining the car, you just can't dismiss it based on its name or the fact it's part Italian ... from an Italian company that happens to own Ferrari.

Perhaps this Facebook post sums it up.

"... it's all good for me, name and all. Who cares where its origins come from, a real good move on Chryco's part. I don't hear anyone complaining where the Cruze or the Fiesta actually comes from! I think they finally got this right ... time will tell."

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# CANADA'S BIOX EXPLORES DIESEL'S FATTY FRONTIER

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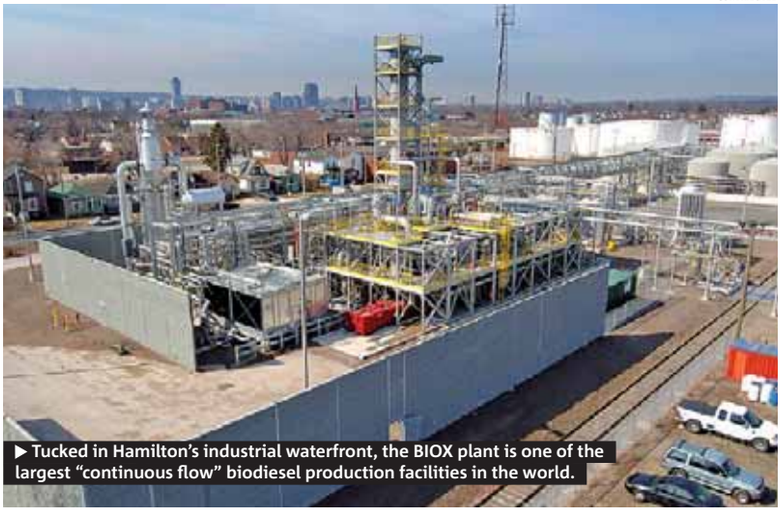

▶ Tucked in Hamilton's industrial waterfront, the BIOX plant is one of the largest "continuous flow" biodiesel production facilities in the world.

Not many Canadians know about bio-diesel producer, BIOX, let alone that it uses stuff like chicken and pork fat to create eco-friendly fuel.

But stakeholders in the bio-fuel movement have always been hip to BIOX and its unique and patented process.

"The technology was developed at the University of Toronto, in the late 1990s, when it made absolutely no sense to turn vegetable oils and animal fats into diesel fuel," notes Kevin Norton, CEO and co-founder of BIOX. During those years, he notes that petroleum-based diesel was cheap and biodiesel feedstock was high. Net result: the research was somewhat "academic."

By 2000, realizing government and consumer appetitive for green fuel was going gangbusters, the founders of BIOX started to test the technology for commercial potential.

In 2001 BIOX acquired its worldwide rights. In 2007 its plant in Hamilton, Ont., was completed, and has been working virtually non-stop at full capacity ever since, pumping out biodiesel at a rate of about 60 million litres per year, establishing itself as one of the largest "continuous flow" biodiesel production facilities in the world.

The best way to understand the BIOX process is to first look at the "traditional" process. Traditional methods need a lot of energy and time to first deal with the Free Fatty Acid (FFA) content in some feedstock.

They need an additional layer to treat the FFA, or use feedstock with very little FFA, such as soya or canola. BIOX has no such trouble.

The other huge advantage of the BIOX process is that it is continuous. Feedstock goes in one end and biodiesel comes out the other.

In contrast, the traditional process is a batch process.

Yet another advantage is its flexibility. Norton says BIOX can adapt "on the fly" to various raw materials, As such, BIOX is more able to use cheaper "non food grade" feedstocks — the high FFA content animal fats, crude palm oil, used cooking oil from restaurants, etc., that typically end up in cosmetic and/or animal feed markets.

BIOX also considers itself "supply agnostic." They are not committed to any particular raw material stream or industry.

"We know the raw material markets are going to change," says Norton.

"We actually source on a weekly basis, in about a 500-mile radius of the plant. We buy based on availability, price and logistics. It's a different combination every week."

Diesel transportation fuel in Canada must contain a two per cent renewable component. Certain provinces have their own, higher requirements.

But the U.S. is further along with both regulations and tax incentives, and that's where the big demand is for biodiesel, and where all of BIOX's fuel currently heads.

That demand helped, and continues to help, the U.S. biodiesel industry; it is clearly ahead of Canada's.

But don't blame BIOX. It's doing its part, and in a unique, technical way.

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# Honda Fit loved for its five-door flexibility

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Taking a place as Honda's entry product, Fit is a five-door hatch with a small, efficient engine, a surprisingly flexible and spacious interior and good long-term value.

Expect good fuel economy, and features including a folding rear seat system that enabled easy loading of larger items like a flat-screen TV, bicycle or German shepherd.

2007-08 Honda Fit

### Engine

All last-generation Fit models got a 1.5-litre four-cylinder engine with 109 horsepower and a five-speed gearbox in the driver's choice of manual or automatic. All units were front-wheel drive.

### What owners like

Fit owners rave about mileage, versatility, handling, braking, manoeuvrability, visibility, ergonomics, and a surprising level of on-board roominess despite the machine's compact size.

### What owners dislike

Complaints include a noisy engine and ride, abrupt ride characteristics in some situations, and diminished performance when the vehicle is loaded up.

### Common issues

On a test-drive, be sure to inspect your potential used Fit candidate for signs of rust or peeling and damaged paint. Be sure the rear hatch stays open on its own — and that the strut that lifts and supports it isn't worn out.

Inspect the seats and carpeting for signs of accelerated wear, which some owners note as an issue. If the fabric or carpet material is worn through, ripped or faded, call it into pricing negotiations. Finally, the Fit should steer easily and smoothly at any speed as well as when stopped.

### Verdict

Used car shoppers can expect the Fit to command a premium in the market, though above-average reliability, versatility and driving pleasure can be expected in return.

# Tire wear: Why you should care

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The most important safety items on your vehicle, above all others, are your tires. And that's especially important in winter, when they have to deal with a wide variety of surfaces, including snow, slush and ice.

Winter tires do a far better job than all-season tires, even on dry pavement: once the temperature drops below 7C, their more pliable rubber compound and aggressive tread do a better job of gripping the road.

I experienced the worst of winter driving at an event showcasing the new Michelin X-Ice Xi3 winter tire, which goes on sale next fall. I drove on several surfaces with brand-new Xi3 tires, but perhaps the most eye-opening was when the company sent me out on worn ones. As your tires wear, you need to be aware of how they're changing and adjust your driving habits if necessary.

Tire treads consist of "blocks," squares of rubber that bite into snow; grooves and channels that evacuate water; and sipes, tiny slits in the blocks that improve traction.

As the tires wear, the blocks will become smooth and the channels will become shallower, making it harder for the tire to grip the surface and displace water.

This can potentially lead to a dangerous situation called hydroplaning, where the tire "floats" on top of puddles and slush, rather than pushing water aside so it can contact the asphalt.

The Xi3's special design helps to give it even tread wear as it ages, but many tires will wear unevenly, especially if they're running with the wrong air pressure. This will gradually affect how they handle.

On an ice and snow course, driving on four brands of tires all worn to the same degree, I quickly noticed the difference.

One had difficulty getting traction on an incline, while another had lost much of its lateral stability: on sharp curves, it tended to slip sideways.

Most importantly, while some were better than others, none of them stopped as quickly as a car with newer tires. No matter what type of tires or the season, you should be regularly analyzing how your car behaves. Any time you realize that your driving is overly compensating for your tires, it's time to have them checked, and if necessary, replaced.

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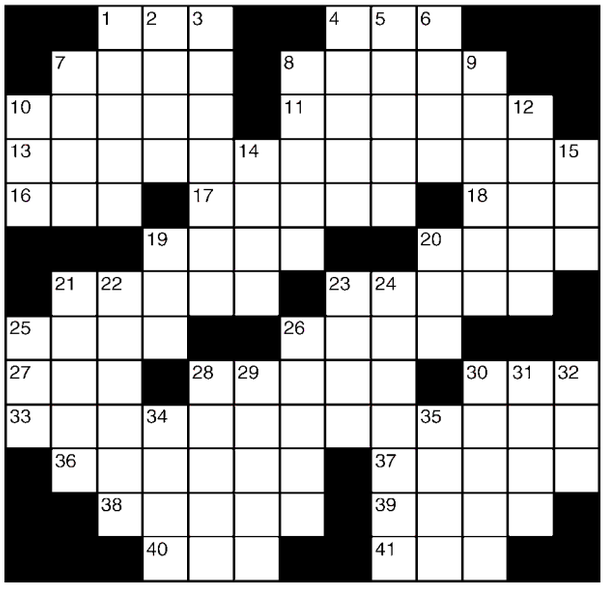
## Crossword



**Across**

1 Prof's degree
4 Pismire
7 Rock music's Motley —
8 Circus performer
10 Straighten
11 More frosted
13 Sunflower State's largest city
16 Powell co-star
17 Gerrymandered
18 Gratuity
19 Yank
20 Partner
21 Aroma
23 Gives as an example
25 "— have thought ...?"
26 Discourteous
27 Debtor's letters
28 Trap
30 Upper surface
33 Sooner State's second-largest city
36 Grow canines, e.g.
37 Occupied
38 Needle cases
39 Square
40 Suitable
41 Lair

**Down**

1 Expensive
2 Grant or Jackman
3 Dweller
4 Similar
5 Wanderer
6 Castor or Pollux
7 Advertising award
8 Grouch
9 Snuggle up
10 Piercing tool
12 Track components
14 Legal wrong
15 Agent
19 Clampett patriarch
20 Packed away
21 Yell
22 Grand — Dam
23 Ringlet
24 Came up with
25 Humor
26 Lawn care tools
28 Stopped slouching
29 Like a rare game
30 Fare, maybe
31 Portent
32 Skillet
34 Bristle
35 Own

▶ Yesterday's answer

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| V | A | M | P | | | E | W | E | | | B | R | A | M |
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| S | E | C | T | | | A | D | O | | | R | I | D | E |
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## Sudoku

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| 8 | | | 5 | | 9 | | | 2 |
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| | | 5 | | | | 9 | | |
| | | 4 | 9 | | 6 | 7 | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | | 8 |
| | | 6 | 3 | | 8 | 2 | | |
| | | 9 | | | | 8 | | |
| | 1 | | 8 | | 4 | | 6 | |
| 3 | | | 2 | | 7 | | | 4 |

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 8 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 6 |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 5 |
| 9 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| 4 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| 3 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 4 |
| 6 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| 5 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 |

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*Baby Lee, The past while has been amazing with you. I miss you every minute we're apart. Thank you for being who you are, and thank you for accepting me for who I am. I look forward to spending every day with you. I love you very much, never forget that!* **LADY LOVER**

*On the bus, It was amazing i have never felt that way before when we met on bus and kissed 4 years. i still remember the moment. Unfortunately we parted at Dec30 even though we miss and love each other it is not that easy to be there.* **MEET TOGETHER**

## Today's horoscope

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**♈ Aries March 21-April 20**
This is a great time for you and the entry of Venus into your sign will make it 10 times better.

**♉ Taurus April 21-May 21**
Pay a bit more attention to what other people are saying. If you don't you could lose out financially.

**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21**
Whatever setbacks you may have endured of late, you can be confident that the worst is over.

**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** Keep telling yourself that you are destined for greatness. It's not a long way from the truth as it happens, but you've got to believe it.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23**
If you need assistance with something today, you should find it easy enough to ask for it.

**♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22**
You are under no illusions as to what your limits are but you also know that you have talents other people do not possess.

**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**
This is one of the best times of the year for partnership matters, be they personal or professional.

**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**
Difficult decisions will come easy to you today but don't think you have to change everything.

**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** With Venus on your side over the next few weeks, you don't have to smash your way to success.

**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**
You'll go out of your way to be nice to family and friends, whether or not they have been nice to you.

**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18**
Keep things simple today. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to travel and social plans.

**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20** You may be nice by nature but that does not mean you should let people off the hook when they've done wrong. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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HIGHWAY **4.9**L/100 KM **58** MPG▼

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*Best-in-class fuel economy∞*

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## 2012 SONATA

*Most fuel-efficient full-size car▲*

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*Stylish cross-over utility vehicle*

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